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District braced for £722k cuts

BY JOHN GOODE

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FURTHER cuts in services are likely after councils were told they would get even less money than expected from the Government.

Forest Heath District Council, which covers the Newmarket and Mildenhall areas, will be get 13.8 per cent less than last year.

Cllr Geoffrey Jaggard, council leader, said: "The figure of £4,507,000 allocated to help us deliver services in 2011/12 is below what we were expecting, even after making adjustments for the Chancellor's announcements in October.

"The figure represents a drop in grant of £722,000 for 2011/12, which represents 13.8 per cent less than we received from the Government last year. Our settlement for 2012/13 is reduced by a further £495,000, which equates to 10.9 per cent.

"However, as any prudent council would, we have already taken a stringent approach to the 2011/12 budget, with all services working to seek 30 per cent savings from their budgets.

"We must now seriously consider what today's announcement might mean for residents of Forest Heath."

The council has warned that some of its more than 200 employees could face redundancy.

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Police in warning to festive drivers

DON'T drink or drug-drive this Christmas.

That's the message from Cambridgeshire Constabulary which has launched its Twelve Crimes of Christmas campaign to keep residents safe this festive season.

Traffic officers will be out in force to clamp down on anyone caught over the drink-drive limit on the county's road.

Casualty reduction officer PC Tony Barrios said: "We want Christmas to be a happy time for all the county's residents and that means we will be clamping down on all law-breakers.

"Every year, people who are usually law-abiding citizens will, for some reason, chose to drive while drunk or high on drugs. It is a very serious crime and those who commit it should be prepared to be treated as a criminal.

"Getting behind the wheel under the influence of drink or drugs puts yourself, and other road users, in danger.

"It can wreck lives and we will not tolerate such behaviour."

Let the show go on: children from Moulton school dress for the part at their school nativity play. CP

Angels show off tinsel and talent

PRIMARY school youngsters have been performing their annual Christmas shows for proud parents and relatives.

At Cheveley school the youngest pupils took part in their variation of the traditional nativity, called *Whoopsadaisy Angel*.

At nearby Moulton school, the Year 1 children performed their annual production to a packed audience.

The shows were among hundreds being performed at schools across the region – some of which were featured in a special supplement in our sister paper, the *Cambridge News*, yesterday.

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Villagers hit out over electricity switch-off

VILLAGERS were left to shiver in near-freezing temperatures when their electricity was cut off for eight hours for planned maintenance work.

Around 100 homes at Lidgate were affected last Thursday when power was switched off to allow trees near overhead cables to be cut back.

One resident said: "It's been very cold and this should have been put off to another day. It's not an emergency – we have a lot of elderly people in the village and many people have expressed concern."

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Chris Bliss, chairman of the parish council, said: "I wasn't aware that the power was going to cut off until the day before.

"I know one of our parish councillors did phone the electricity people to see if the work could be postponed, but I don't think they got anywhere.

"We haven't got gas in the village, so people rely on electricity or solid fuel for heating unless they have bottled gas."

A spokeswoman for UK Power Networks said the company was investing more than £17 million this year to trim back trees from overhead powerlines.

He added: "If branches touch the lines it can cause a fault or a loss of supplies, especially during storms and windy weather.

"As part of this, we arranged for our specialist contractor to carry out urgent tree trimming work in the Lidgate area on December 9.

"In order for this work to be conducted in safety, we needed to temporarily interrupt power supplies to about 100 customers in the area from about 8.30am to 5pm.

"Our maintenance programme is an all-year-round operation although during severe weather, particularly when temperatures fall below freezing, we usually postpone scheduled work which affects power supplies to customers. That decision is usually made on the day."

He said it was usual policy to notify customers well in advance so they could prepare for a lack of power.

"The industry rule is normally two days before the work, but in this case we provided about eight days' notice," he said.

Motoring dreams: overall winners from Mildenhall College, from left, Charmaine Harris-Harvey, 16, Keshia Bowyer, 16, Arash Farboud and Christopher Horton, 16.
Picture by Richard Patterson: 701184

Students get in gear for hypercar challenge

STUDENTS won the chance of work experience with an exclusive car company after winning a Dragons' Den-style contest.

Four teams from Newmarket College and four from Mildenhall College of Technology took part in the contest at Newmarket's Palace House Mews.

Their brief was to design a new "hypercar" for the Arash Motor Company which is moving to Newmarket from Sawston.

The winners were team SCKC, from Mildenhall. The 16-year-old team members, Charmaine Harris-Harvey, Keshia Bowyer and Chris Horton, won the chance of work experience and possible apprenticeships at the company, headed by Arash Farboud, who was one of the five "dragons."

They will also get a tour of the factory, motorshow tickets and a chance of a ride in a supercar.

Four runners-up teams were given prizes of work experience and support from the other "dragons" who were David Burnip, chief executive of Forest Heath District Council, William Gittus, managing director of Jockey Club Estates, Peter Hardisty of Marshall Special Vehicles, and Kamlesh Patel, of Nestor Pharmaceuticals.

The event was organised by Andrew Manig, director of Manig business advice and training, in partnership with the district council.

Residents want curb on nightlife

A CALL for a curb on Newmarket's nightclub scene is one of the recommendations in a draft 'vision' for the town drawn up by the town council.

The draft is the result of responses of more than 500 people to questionnaires sent out by the council this summer.

More than half who responded thought the town's reputation as a "nightlife" centre was a bad thing and deterred some people from visiting the town in the evenings.

One of the more than 80 recommendations in the document, which has now been published for further comment, says: "Newmarket's nightclub scene, with its attendant propensity for drunkenness and disorder, should be curbed in favour of more balanced entertainment appealing to a wider audience."

The draft vision also calls for tighter monitoring of advertising outside some of the town's clubs.

Among the other recommendations is one which suggests the debate over putting a statue on the town's Clocktower roundabout should be reopened.

A statue of King Charles II was previously suggested by people associated with the town's horseracing industry, who would also have financed it. But the project was dropped after opposition by members of the town council.

Police mount pub and club checks

POLICE, together with council officials and fire officers, carried out unannounced checks on pub and club licences on Saturday.

The IMPACT event also involved checks that door staff had the required licences issued by the Security Industry Authority.

Trading standards officers made checks on under-age drinking, with young volunteers making test purchases. Police drugs dogs were also used.

The event was staged in response to concerns about the town's "night time economy" in the run-up to Christmas.

Insp Neil Ireland, who heads police safer neighbourhood teams in the Forest Heath district, told town councillors on Monday that no serious problems were uncovered.

"Generally, things were good," he said. "There were some areas for development for various premises and we will be concentrating on them.

"Well-run premises contribute to reduction in crime."

He said that crime in the town was down, with a total of 1,427 offences recorded since April compared to nearly 1,700 in the previous year.

There has been a 13 per cent cut in public order and harassment and an 11 per cent reduction in anti-social behaviour.

Insp Ireland said additional officers would be drafted in to Newmarket during the Christmas and New Year period from other parts of Suffolk to help reduce crime on the streets when the town is busy, with revellers visiting the nightclubs and late-licence bars.

■ Villages near Newmarket, including Lidgate and Cowlinge, have seen a "dramatic" fall in crime as a result of work by the St Edmundsbury Rural South police Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The team has acted to reduce thefts of lawn mowers and other equipment from farm buildings and garages on rural properties.

The latest crime statistics reveal a 37 per cent decrease in burglaries, with 46 fewer victims from the beginning of 2010 to the end of November compared to the same period last year.

There has also been a 28 per cent reduction in overall crime, with 121 fewer victims.

Council tax freeze may be on cards

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A spokeswoman for neighbouring St Edmundsbury Borough Council, which includes the Haverhill area, said: "We had budgeted for a 10 per cent cut in grant, meaning that we were expecting £5.667 million grant from Government. The announcement today is that we will get £5.210 million, meaning a cut of 17.3 per cent.

"If we freeze council tax we will receive the equivalent of 2.5 per cent in council tax from the Government (on top of the grant), which for SEBC is £168,000.

"Therefore, assuming we can deliver a freeze in council tax, our net position this year will be a grant cut of 14.6 per cent.

"Our total gap for 2011/12 is around £460,000 (an extra £212,000 as a result of yesterday's grant announcement).

"We have already delivered in excess of £2 million savings for 2011/12. We will be able to cover the gap this year through using our reserves but we will need to identify further savings during the next year."

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Give a quid to help keep Magpas flying

The 40th anniversary of life-saving medical charity Magpas could also mark its closure next month. Reporter RAYMOND BROWN asks why it is on the brink of folding.

THEY deal with life and death situations on a daily basis but now Magpas Helimedix volunteers and supporters are in a state of emergency.

A man trapped in a crane after it toppled into a freezing lake and a cyclist struck by a Land Rover are just two of the most recent incidents of 800 attended by medical teams from the charity in the last year.

But the much-loved medical team are now under threat, triggering a massive effort to save the organisation.

Unless it receives a huge cash boost, its work may have to end for good.

Funds are running out and this could be the last Christmas for the charity.

It has launched a massive one-in-a-million appeal for support, urging residents in Cambridgeshire to give at least £1 each to the cause.

And founder Neville Silverston has made a desperate appeal in a last ditch attempt to save the charity. He said: "I think the reason the charity is in trouble is that they have just taken their eyes off the ball as regards fundraising and publicity because they have been too busy in the coal face.

"They have just been very busy. Magpas is a very sophisticated set up and it has set the standard of care and led the pack. The message I would like to get out is that everyone who goes on the roads, be it cyclists, motorists, van drivers, lorry drivers and pedestrians should contribute to the charity as an investment.

"Since it was created in 1971 it has responded to 50,000 incidents – and next time it could be you, so please dig deep for everyone's sake."

Daryl Brown, chief operating officer, said: "Magpas is an inspirational organisation. With over 50 of the country's leading medics working on helicopters and land vehicles we are able to mobilise to any medical emergency in the East of England.

"Having been dispatched to over 800 incidents so far this year Magpas Helimedix have saved numerous lives and have reduced the suffering of those most in need.

"Sadly, Magpas will have to close after Christmas if we do not receive the funding we desperately need. I urge the public to dig deep and give generously to this amazing charity." A host of leading figures have come out to support the charity. The High Sheriffs of Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire called on businesses and communities for urgent action to keep Magpas going.

Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Ely, Huntingdon and Bedfordshire's original air ambulance service is giving local companies the opportunity to sponsor the charity's helicopter.

Organisations could sponsor the air ambulance for an hour to a week and help continue to keep the Helimedix flying, enabling them to continue treating patients in the most serious medical emergencies.

Nigel Brown, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, joined Daniel Hanbury, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, at the Magpas Helimedix base at RAF Wyton to see how the team operates on a daily basis.

Mr Brown said: "Magpas provides the best possible service – it's a pioneering service. I can't understand why the rest of the country hasn't followed in Mapgas' footsteps. If they are forced to close, it would be disastrous and lives would be lost. Local businesses need to jump in quickly – you never know when one of your employees or even you might them."

To donate, go to *www.justgiving.com/1-in-a-million*

Facing the chop: members of the Magpas team.

Charity based on life-saving war skills

MAGPAS has more than 50 medics including 37 volunteer doctors, 11 volunteer paramedics, two Magpas-funded fellowship posts and three RAF doctors.

Established in 1971, the charity consists of over 100 local GPs.

Dr Neville Silverston MBE, pictured, founder of Magpas, introduced groundbreaking life-saving techniques first developed by the American and British military in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

It trains Royal Air Force and military doctors and medics in advance of deployment to Afghanistan and Iraq and is seen as the UK's leading training provider for major trauma care. Magpas funds lifesaving drugs, consumables and equipment at a cost of approximately £60,000 per year.

Court warning after arthritis man used cannabis to 'numb the pain'

MAGISTRATES have issued a warning to habitual cannabis smokers who use the drug to numb pain.

It comes after 54-year-old Richard Durr, who suffers with severe arthritis, appeared at Ely Magistrates' Court.

Police officers swooped on his home in Cornmills Road, Soham, on November 16 and found a cannabis grinder and a small plastic bag of cannabis residue.

Durr pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing a controlled drug of class B at the city's courthouse last Thursday.

Veronica Candy, mitigating, explained how her client used cannabis "from time to time" because of his medical conditions.

Mrs Candy said: "Mr Durr walks on two crutches as he has severe arthritis in one of his hips.

"He's currently waiting for a hip replacement but doesn't know when that will be.

"He's also waiting for a cataracts operation so really is in poor health.

"He uses cannabis from time to time to numb his pain, although knows his prescribed medication is what he should stick to."

Durr was fined £30 and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge.

Nicola Silverleaf, presiding magistrate, said: "Let this be a lesson to you and everyone out there. Prescribed drugs are what you should use to treat pain."

Thief steals gas cylinder

A LARGE propane gas cylinder has been stolen from outside a house. The red 47kg cylinder was taken from Sanfoin Close, Red Lodge, between 10am on December 6 and 1pm on December 7. Anyone with information should contact Sgt Phil Payne at the Mildenhall Safer Neighbourhood Team on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Race is on for visitors to spot the birdies at RSPB's reserve

NEW Year visitors to a bird reserve can take part in a "race" to spot as many different species as they can.

The event at the RSPB's Lakenheath Fen reserve will take place on January 1 when visitors will be given a check list to record birds that are seen, or heard, by visitors.

There is a prize for the person who logs the most different species.

The wetland reserve, created from former carrot fields, has been visited by a number of rare birds, including the bittern, and has also been visited by cranes which have nested there for the first time in hundreds of years.

David White, information officer at Lakenheath Fen, said: "Bird races are a lot of fun.

"You never know what you are going to see and there is always the chance of a surprise."

The cost is adults £2, children £1 (RSPB and Wildlife Explorers members half price).

There is not need to book, but if you would like a check list in advance, call (01842) 863400 or email *Lakenheath@rspb.org.uk*

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Market traders in plea to move

MARKET traders want to move their stalls to a town's High Street in a bid to attract more customers.

The stall holders at Newmarket have appealed to the town council to support the move, which they believe will revive the market – and shopping in the town.

Andrew Neal, one of the market traders, told the town council: "The town as whole is, we feel, dying on its feet and the market is a large part of that.

"This is probably the worst state the market has been in, in terms of decline. We really need to focus on bringing the stalls into the High Street, where the shops will benefit."

He said all the stall-holders had agreed that they wanted to move into the High Street to increase the footfall of potential customers, rather than being 'hidden away' on the Market Square at the end of the Guineas shopping centre.

"This Saturday, there were only three stalls on the market and I'm asking for your support for a three-month trial relocation in the High Street," Mr Neal told a meeting of the council.

He said the move would benefit Forest Heath District Council, which would net around £15,000 a year in additional parking charges on the Market Square if it was no longer used two days a week for the market.

The district council, which currently operates the market, is seeking tenders from private companies to take over the operation. Mr Neal said stalls could be set up in parking bays along the High Street.

But Cllr Bill Burch said the suggestion was "unworkable" on safety grounds.

"It's dreaming to think that moving the market would make any difference," he said.

Cllr Jonathan Richer said the suggestion should be "seriously considered."

But Cllr Richard Fletcher said a recent survey of residents and visitors as part of the town council's 'vision' for the future of the town had shown that only 58 people thought it was a good idea to move the market. But 360 people wanted to see a better standard of market stalls.

Cllr Mick Jefferys suggested that the issue should be referred to the community services committee's meeting on January 10.

Expansion: there are plans to add a further 24 rooms and refurbish other areas of Bedford Lodge, which includes an award-winning restaurant.

New owners at top hotel with a £12.5m price tag

A TOWN'S only four-star hotel has been sold after being marketed at a price of £12.5 million.

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The new owners of Newmarket's Bedford Lodge Hotel are Review Hotels, a specially-formed company which is part of a private family business.

The price paid for the hotel has not been revealed. But Ashley Clark, associate director of agents Colliers International, said: "We received enormous interest in Bedford Lodge due to its excellent reputation in the area, and we are delighted to have concluded this deal for our client – our 12th sale in the area this year."

The hotel, in Bury Road, was previously part of a group with the Barnham Broom hotel in Norfolk.

It currently has 55 bedrooms, but there are plans to add a further 24 rooms and refurbish other area of the hotel.

The oldest part of the hotel was originally a Georgian hunting lodge built for the Duke of Bedford. It became a hotel in the 1940s and won Suffolk Hotel of the Year in 2007.

It includes an award-winning restaurant and the Edge health and fitness club.

Noel Byrne, the former managing director, will become chief executive and will continue to head the hotel's staff of around 60, who will be retained by the new owners.

He said it was a "new and exciting era" in the hotel's development.

Colin Bothway, principal shareholder and chairman of Bedford Lodge Ltd, said: "Over the past year, we have been considering how best to take Bedford Lodge forward, and this has led to an attractive offer for an outright sale to a locally-based private family group."

He said it would allow the hotel to expand and develop.

Fire-hit school bounces back with test results

THE results for a school, where lessons are held in temporary buildings after a major fire, have been hailed as "utterly amazing" by the acting headteacher.

St Felix Middle School, where the buildings were burned down in an arson attack in 2008, is operating from Portakabins.

Like other middle schools in the Forest Heath district, it is due to close in 2012 as part of Suffolk County Council's switch to two-tier education.

The Key Stage 2 league table results showed that 65 per cent of pupils achieved the required level in English, with 89 per cent reaching the level in maths. The number of those reaching the required level in both subjects was 63 per cent. The school was ranked 94th in the county.

Blaze: firefighters tackle the flames at St Felix Middle School after an arson attack two years ago.

Greg Sadler, the acting head, said: "The improvement the school has made has been utterly amazing. We've had a huge pat on the back from the local authority.

"It's a step in the right direction, as long as we can maintain it at the point of closure."

Newmarket's other middle school, Scaltback, had a 76 per cent result in English and 81 per cent in maths, with 73 per cent reaching the required level in both subjects. The school was rated 61st in the county.

Riverside Middle School in Mildenhall boycotted the tests. But College Heath Middle School in Mildenhall had a 73 per cent result in English, 65 percent in maths and 58 per cent getting the required level in both subjects. The school's county rating was 106.

In Haverhill, Parkway Middle School achieved 86 per cent in English and 75 per cent in maths with 74 per cent of pupils achieving the required level in both subjects. The school was ranked 56th in the county.

Chalkstone Middle School pupils achieved 78 per cent at English, 76 per cent at maths and 68 per cent of pupils achieving the required level in both subjects. The school was ranked 77th in Suffolk.

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Criticising care home is unfair

Sir, I was astonished to read your story last week concerning the move of the residents at Keith Leonard House in Soham ('Living hell' for care home OAPs).
Your "mystery" informant purports to speak on behalf of all the residents, however, can I state categorically that this is not true. Whilst sympathising with her for the effect the move has had on her mother, this is not the case with all other residents.
My mother, who is 100, is a resident at the home and she and her friends have certainly not been "living out of cardboard boxes" for weeks or "walking round not knowing what to do with themselves". My wife and I frequently visit the home and have not noticed any great change with other residents.
My mother has been informed verbally, and in writing, of all the delays and the reasons for them. I also have been rung by Sylvia Chilvers and her staff on numerous occasions to update me of the current position.
It is unfortunate that the telephones had to be disconnected but this is a BT workload problem. Again, Mrs Chilvers has written to all residents explaining the problem and stating that there are phones available for residents to use to contact relatives and also giving numbers for relatives to use to contact residents. There is no reason whatsoever that your informant's mother cannot contact her, as stated.
Mrs Chilvers and her staff have worked tirelessly to try and ensure the smoothest transfer possible and this criticism is unjust and hurtful.
If anyone should be criticised it is the building contractors, but even they cannot foresee the bad spell of weather we have recently had.
To call Keith Leonard House a "living hell" is an insult to all the hard working staff and carers at this excellent home.
I always thought one of the first rules of journalism was not to publish unless all your facts were correct. This type of sensationalism is what we have come to expect from *The Sun*, *The Daily Star* and the *Daily Mail*, not a respected provincial paper.
I feel that your newspaper and your "mystery" informant need to unreservedly apologise to Sanctuary, Mrs Chilvers and her staff.

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MEMORIES

This week's Memories picture, taken from our archives, shows Newmarket Horse Racing presenting a cheque to Cambridge Children's Hospice. Could you say when or where the photograph was taken? Do you recognise these youngsters? We welcome your letters or emails. Send your recollections to: Memories, *Newmarket Weekly News*, 15 High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8XL, or email *editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk* by Tuesday morning.

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■ Last week's Memories picture, from our archives, featured a group of tots having fun at a toy library opened in Newmarket Health Centre.
It prompted this response from Kaylee Brown, of Newmarket: "I'm the chubby kid with the blonde hair and the phone in the Memory Lane picture.
"It was in 1989 and was taken at a type of children's centre!
"I'm not sure who the other child is, but it would be nice to know."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Soham

EIGHTEEN walkers braved the cold for the Heartbeat Health Walk. Liz Gwinnett led the walk with David Clarke at the back.

Everyone enjoyed the walk, which took them through the town, along the river bank and over the commons.

Welcome refreshments were available at The Ship, Saucey Megabites and The Cafe.

■ Ruth Ginn welcomed everyone to the Over-60s Club meeting on December 3. The afternoon's entertainment was provided by Dick Hatley and friends from Fordham with singing, readings and members enjoying a singalong.

Ruth thanked them for a lovely afternoon's entertainment. Vera Seal organised the raffle, the ladies served refreshments and the meeting closed with the singing of the club hymn.

■ Community Care coffee morning: On December 4, 60 members of Community Care got together for lunch in the pavilion.

Diane Wheeling welcomed everyone and one minute's silence was observed in memory of members who had died. This was followed by grace.

Following lunch, everyone enjoyed entertainment by Daniel Schunmann, with popular songs and humorous stories.

Diane thanked him on behalf of everyone.

There was an excellent raffle organised by Diane and Vera, and members were thanked for donating the prizes.

Sheila Knight thanked Diane and Vera for organising the lunch and entertainment.

Roadshow launches county tourism drive

THE first in a series of tourism roadshows was held in Newmarket as part of a bid to promote Suffolk.

Chris Garibaldi, director of the National Horseracing Museum, said the event had provided a great platform for Suffolk businesses to swap ideas.

He added: "It was extremely interesting to hear the presentations and learn more about those elements that anyone working in tourism should be aware."

It was the first in a series of roadshows organised by Choose Suffolk and brought together representatives of the area's tourism businesses.

Tips were given about taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the 2012 Olympics as well as using online booking facilities set up by Choose Suffolk.

Brigit Parker, marketing manager at Choose Suffolk, said: "The new online platforms that Choose Suffolk has invested in will offer tourism businesses real and exciting opportunities to target and reach new audiences to support their own businesses and further increase visitor numbers to Suffolk."

She added that tourism was one of the key growth sectors, bringing £1.75bn into the county's economy.

Speakers included experts in various fields and the next roadshow will by held at The Angel Hotel, on January 12. For details or to book a place visit *www.choosesuffolk.com/tourismpartnership*

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Frankie's flying at 40!

Milestone: top jockey Frankie Dettori marked his 40th birthday yesterday. CP

TOP JOCKEY Frankie Dettori celebrated his 40th birthday yesterday – with no hint of retirement.

Frankie, who lives in Stetchworth, said: "It's a milestone for me the same as everyone else, but the strange thing is that I really do feel the same as ever, but feel that I am riding better than ever before."

He has lived in the Newmarket area since arrived in the town at the age of 15 to work for trainer Luca Cumani as an apprentice jockey.

He married Catherine Allen in 1998 and they have five children – Leo, Ella, Mia, Tallulah and Rocco.

As well as his racing interests, in which he rides for Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin Racing organisation, he has a chain of restaurants in partnership with chef Marco Pierre White and his own range of food.

He survived a plane crash at Newmarket in 2000 and was made an MBE in 2001. One of his best-remembered achievements was his "magnificent seven" wins at Ascot on September 28, 1996.

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Record haul for charity

AN annual Christmas concert in aid of the charity Racing Welfare raised a record £7,500.

The concert, in the Tattersalls racehorse sales ring at Newmarket last Wednesday, featured personalities from the horseracing world as well as pupils from the town's Fairstead House school.

The money will go towards the charity's work to support people working in, or retired from, the racing industry.

Order failure means caution

A MAN has been given a police caution for failing to comply with a notice ordering him to leave Newmarket town centre.

The 49-year-old from the town was issued with a notice under the Violent Crime Reduction Act early on Sunday morning.

When he did not leave the area he was given a formal caution.

Cannabis-growing brothers caught in drugs raid were 'out of control'

TWO brothers caught with cannabis worth more than £3,000 in their home have told magistrates they are "glad" they got caught.

Shaun Audus, 38, and his younger brother Terry Audus, 33, admitted that their lives were "spiralling out of control".

Police officers swooped on the siblings' house in Orchard Row, Soham, on August 20 after receiving a tip-off.

They found five cannabis plants growing in the garden and another plant on a window sill.

Officers also found a bag of cannabis weighing 10.1g in Shaun Audus's bedroom, a tin of cannabis near the fireplace in the living room and a bag of cannabis beneath Terry Audus's bed weighing 216.5g.

A small quantity of cocaine was also found in the kitchen alongside other drug paraphernalia.

Laura Mardell, prosecuting, explained how the six plants, if fully cultivated, had a potential yield of £1,920.

The bag of cannabis found beneath Terry Audus's bed had a street value of £1,251 and the bag found in his brother's bedroom had a value of £57.40. The 0.64g of cocaine was worth £33.

Mrs Mardell said: "On October 1, another search was carried out at their home where a bag of cannabis weighing 1.8g was found in a jacket pocket. Terry Audus admitted it was his and said it had actually been there when police first visited the house and that they had missed it."

The pair appeared at Ely Magistrates' Court last week where they each pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing a controlled class B drug.

Shaun Audus also admitted one count of producing a controlled drug of class B and possessing a controlled drug of class A.

Unrepresented in court, Terry Audus said: "When our dad died everything changed. Our lives have been spiralling out of control and I am glad we got caught, to be honest. Now we can sort ourselves out."

His brother added: "I just wish we'd never started in the first place."

The brothers were fined £260 each and ordered to pay court costs of £85 and a victim surcharge of £15. The court also ordered that all drugs seized from their property are destroyed.

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College is working on bid for academy status

BY JORDAN DAY

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A SECONDARY school could soon become an academy.

Governors at Soham Village College – which currently has foundation status – plan to apply for academy status.

The move would allow governors more control over the way the school is run. Pupils would also be taught a curriculum chosen by the governors, not one prescribed by the Government.

Nicola Close, chair of governors at the college, said: "Academy status gives a unique opportunity for the school leadership to provide what is best for our students, and for the whole community to redefine what a village college is in the 21st century.

"We believe it will help Soham Village College remain a provider of high quality education to our students and help them maintain the relative advantages they have when they leave us at the end of year 11.

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"This is a time of radical Government reform to the education system and we are pleased to be able to engage positively with these changes."

The governors have asked the school's principal, Dr Carin Taylor, to consult with students, parents and the whole community about applying for the status.

Dr Taylor said: "We very much value our partnership working with other schools and hope to strengthen collaboration in the months and years ahead.

"The college is committed to the provision of outstanding learning opportunities for young people and will continue to work with other agencies in Cambridgeshire to ensure that the needs of young people are fully met.

"We look forward to the new opportunities offered by greater autonomy as an academy.

"We will seek ways to ensure that the curriculum and school organisation build on our core strengths in new and innovative ways, to continue deliver an outstanding education for the young people in our community."

An open meeting will be held at the college's resource centre on Tuesday, January 11 at 6.30pm.

Going for it: college principal Carin Taylor, centre, with, clockwise from centre, pupils Abigail Manley, 15, Liam Hawkins, 16, business manager Jonathan Peryer, college governors Jonathan James, Mark Fairhurst, Sarah Shorney, Claudia Stein-Carr, Peter Campbell-McBride, and pupils Liam Harlow, 16, Bridie Hayes, 15, and Yasmin Ryles, 16. Picture: Richard Patterson 701125.

Writer's cash bid for heroes

A WRITER is hoping to raise money for the Help for Heroes charity by selling copies of her new booklet called *Peacemaker – The Power of Good*.

Patricia Anne Rivers, of Lark Hill, Moulton, said: "I don't want any more soldiers dying, losing limbs or losing their minds.

"Please buy *Peacemaker* – it's the answer to peace, love and freedom in the shortest, simplest form of reasoning.

"It's down to earth common sense."

She said the 28-page booklet of verse was "totally neutral" regarding religion and aimed to "unlock the division caused by racial hatred and religious intolerance".

She has sent a copy to local MP Matthew Hancock and has had a letter from Nick Gibb, the schools minister, indicating that it could be suitable for use in classrooms.

It is on sale, price £3.50, at Tindalls newsagents in Newmarket High Street and all profits will go to Help for Heroes.

Verse: Patricia Anne Rivers, author of Peacemaker. CP

Website help for council hopefuls

PEOPLE think of standing for office as councillors at next May's elections can find out more at an event organised by the East of England Local Government Association.

The free event is being staged at the Ipswich Corn Exchange on March 1. It is the only event of its kind for potential councillors in Suffolk.

For further information or to register for this event visit *www.beacouncillor.org.uk/east* and click on events, or contact Jayne Cole on (01284) 729405.

Gas cylinder stolen

A PROPANE gas cylinder has been stolen from outside a house in Sanfoin Close, Red Lodge, between 10am on December 6 and 1pm on December 7.

Anyone with information should contact Sgt Phil Payne at the Mildenhall Safer Neighbourhood Team on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Globetrotters stars of show

AMERICAN service personnel and their families were entertained by the Harlem Globetrotters exhibition basketball team, who visited the Mildenhall base on Saturday.

The team, which has played more than 20,000 exhibition games in 118 countries, showed their skills at the base's Hardstand Fitness Centre.

Mower stolen

A RIDE-ON lawn mower and two quad bikes were stolen from buildings at a farm.

The mower was found a short distance from the farm at Holywell Drive, Beck Row, near Mildenhall, but the bikes were not.

The thieves forced locks off doors of an outbuilding and stable at the farm between noon last Wednesday and 8.30am the following day.

Anyone with information should call Pc Verdun Baptist at the Mildenhall Response Team on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Airbase party

PEOPLE with disabilities were the guests at a special needs Christmas party held at the Mildenhall US Air Force base on Saturday.

Around 250 people between the ages of 4 and 65 attended the event, which was being held for the 32nd year. The people attended included students from around 20 schools in the area.

The event included a Christmas lunch and a gift from Santa.

Loos damaged

POLICE are appealing for information after vandals struck at public toilets. Offenders entered the public loos in Fountain Lane, Soham, and set fire to two toilet roll holders. Tiles were also broken and there was smoke damage to the building. The attack happened at 2pm on December 5. Anyone with information is urged to call police on 0345 4564564

Trees planted

TREES have been planted as part of a national scheme.

National Tree Week saw volunteers stage planting events across the country and Cllr Lisa Chambers used £200 from her locality budget to have trees put around Moulton village hall.

The planting session was organised with other local groups who use the village hall, including the Scout and Cub groups in the area.

The village hall, in Bridge Street, was completed in October.

Drug-crazed youth in attack on two officers

A NAKED 19-year-old man attacked two police officers while "growling like a dog" after taking the drug LSD, a court heard.

BY JOHN GOODE

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Alexander McKendrick was hallucinating when he attacked the officers with a metal chair in the back garden of his home in St Philips Road, Newmarket.

Special Inspector Keith Miller and Pc Paul Crouch went to the house after McKendrick's sister made an emergency call in which she said: "He's smashing the house up."

Prosecutor Robert Sadd told Ipswich Crown Court that the officers found McKendrick naked and splattered with mud in the garden on July 4.

McKendrick started screaming and ran towards the officers with a metal patio chair held above his head.

Mr Sadd said that Special Insp Miller tried to block McKendrick's way with a wheelie bin but it failed to halt his progress, and he struck the officer on the head, back and shoulder.

They used a deterrent spray on him but he continued to struggle violently and bit Special Inspector Miller on the elbow while growling like a dog.

The officers suffered abrasions, bruising and swellings.

McKendrick, who admitted causing grievous bodily harm to Special Insp Miller and actual bodily harm to Pc Crouch, was sentenced to 12 months in a young offenders' institution, suspended for two years. He was also ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid community work under the supervision of the probation service.

Joanne Eley, in mitigation, said that McKendrick, who had no previous convictions, had taken LSD and was suffering from "extreme hallucinations" when he attacked the two police officers.

Miss Eley said: "He doesn't excuse his behaviour in any way and takes full responsibility."

Tis the season: pensioners Jennifer Smith, Kathy Houselander and Keith Millard and, back row from left, PCSO Nicola Amey, mayor Mick Jefferys, Sgt Mark Shipton as Santa, PCSO Hannah Rogers and Cllr Bill Sadler. I Picture: Richard Patterson 701186

PCSOs spread Christmas cheer among elderly

POLICE officers donned fancy dress for a Christmas lunch for pensioners.

PCSOs Nicola Amey and Hannah Rogers, from Newmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), helped to spread the Christmas spirit at the lunch for 100 elderly residents, who tucked into festive fayre.

The event, which was held at Newmarket College, involved students who provided the entertainment, helped by pupils from Paddocks Primary School.

The seasonal event was supported by Suffolk county councillor Bill Sadler, who gave £500 from his locality budget to help pay for the lunch.

Sgt Mark Shipton, of the safer neighbourhood team, said: "It was a really fantastic day and sent out a positive message to the people of Newmarket. We hope it will become an annual event."

Guests were given a goodie bag of crime prevention advice and a box of sweets.

Additional support for the event came from Kings Forest Housing and Tesco.

Carols ring out in town

SCHOOLS and other organisations entertained shoppers at the first Carolling Day in Newmarket.

Pupils from several schools took part in the event on Saturday, which started with a peal of bells from St Mary's Church.

Schools taking part included Newmarket College, St Felix and Scaltback middle schools, All Saints, Exning, Paddocks, Kennett and Houldsworth Valley Primary Schools. Newmarket's amateur dramatic society, NOMADS, also took part as did the Soham Majorettes.

An artisan craft fair was staged at Palace House and there were charity stalls in the Guineas centre on Sunday. An arts and crafts fair will be staged in a marquee on The Severals this weekend.

New look at charity shop

AN animal charity's shop has been refurbished in time for Christmas.

The shop, at the Animal Health Trust visitors centre at the charity's headquarters at Lanwades Park, Kentford, is stocking gifts for pets and people.

From next April, there are plans to open the grounds and coffee shop to the public at weekends.

Volunteers are needed to help run the facilities and anyone interested should contact Sophia Waters on (01638) 555620, or email *sophia.waters@aht.org.uk*

Weekend marks kick-off for £1m sports centre

NEW sports facilities for a growing village will be used for the first time on Sunday.

A new pavilion, together with football pitches, a cricket pitch, multi-use games area and tennis courts, has been provided at Red Lodge.

It is a result of a planning agreement with Crest Homes, one of the developers of 1,500 new houses in the village.

Although the cost of the facility has not been revealed, it is believed to be worth around £1 million.

It will be run on behalf of the parish council by Anglia Community Leisure, which runs swimming pools and leisure centres in Newmarket and Mildenhall.

The first match will be played on Sunday between Red Lodge under-15s and Littleport Town.

A taster open day for residents will be staged on Monday, when there will be free sessions of various activities in the pavilion.

An official opening is planned in the New Year.

The taster sessions will run from 10am to 2pm for youngsters between the ages of 5 and 16, with adult sessions from 5pm to 9pm. Activities include kick boxing, pilates, yoga, cheerleading and athletics.

Anna McKeever, who chairs the parish council, said: "The pavilion has been built for the benefit of the whole community and the open day will provide an opportunity to try out some of the activities."

An initial programme of exercise and fitness classes is due to get under way on January 10. For more information contact Karl Holmes, assistant manager at the Dome Leisure Centre in Mildenhall, on (01638) 717737.

The robin deserves respect

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Wonderful creature: The robin is used to withstanding cold.

THE humble robin is a traditional Christmas symbol in Britain. The red-breasted bird is often depicted on our festive greetings cards and Christmas gift wrapping.

The robin is appreciated for its splash of colour against a bleak, winter garden, as well as for its cheery nature and beautiful song. However, there is more to this chirpy creature then just cute Christmas cards of it posing on snow-covered post boxes and nesting in old copper watering cans.

Robins live throughout Europe (except the far north) and western Siberia. We notice an increased number of robins in the UK during winter months as robins in colder climates move to warmer wintering gathering grounds during the autumn.

Robins who live in close proximity to people can become rather tame, especially towards avid gardeners. Some cheeky robins have learned to take advantages of unearthed worms caused from gardeners digging and turning the soil.

Male robins are very territorial and sing to proclaim their territory – what sounds like a cheerful winter song to us is actually a warning of occupation to other robins in the area. The birds mate and nest in late March, females build a nest from dry dead leaves and moss in crevasses in trees, wall cavities or undergrowth.

Because robins don't build traditional nests with twigs and sticks and instead simply line holes and crevasses is why we hear tales about nesting in old watering cans and Wellington boots.

The female lays between four and six small white to slightly blue speckled eggs which she incubates for two weeks.

At two weeks old the chicks can fly. By this time the father feeds his offspring for a further three weeks until the chicks become independent at around five weeks old, meanwhile the female rears her second brood.

Chicks are not born with the trademark vibrant red breast feathers. They shed their juvenile feathers to make way for their splash of red on their breasts.

Not many robin chicks get to show off their new red feathers with pictures poses on top of snow covered post-boxes or pine-trees because more than a half of the chicks die during their first year. However, robins can live up to the ripe old age of five years, which is something to sing about.

So spare a thought for this festive little bird this Christmas and leave out some tasty Christmas treats on your bird table, like bacon rind or a stuffing ball.

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Captured within a lifetime of melody

Songsmith: John Rutter has been making up his own music since he was a child, when he picked out notes on his parents' piano

BY ALICE RYAN

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STANDING on the doorstep of John Rutter's cottage, set deep in the countryside in an almost impossibly tranquil spot, there's not a single sound to be heard – save for the strains of piano music, drifting from inside the house.

It's not hard to understand why John feels inspired in this place. Nestled in the shadow of Chrishall church, which sits high on a little mound outside the main village, his 'composing cottage', as it's known, looks out on a picture-perfect view of fields, trees and, at the moment, a dramatic stormy sky.

"As a composer you can't really control the flow of inspiration," explains John, leading the way into the cottage's kitchen. "All you can do is create the kind of conditions in which you hope it will arrive… And if you've got to be miserable because things aren't going well, I think you may as well be miserable somewhere nice."

Thankfully for all of us, the Muse is on John's side. Among the most esteemed composers and conductors of his generation, he is known the world over for, in particular, breathtaking choral works – take his 1990 Magnificat (notably performed at the memorial to the New York firefighters who lost their lives on 9/11).

But John is arguably best-known – and certainly best-loved – for his carols. In total, the 65-year-old has written around two dozen; the most familiar are the sweet Shepherd's Pipe Carol (which has sold more than a million copies in sheet music alone) and the Nativity Carol, penned when John was still a schoolboy.

Over the next few weeks, his carols will be sung in umpteen schools, churches and cathedrals and heard daily on the radio waves; cheery and eminently hummable, his tunes are guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

There was a time, admits John, settling down at the kitchen table with a mug of fresh coffee, when he rather resented the public's focus on his festive work. "I went through a phase of being slightly in turmoil about my Christmas music: I thought it made it difficult for people to take me seriously writing anything else," he explains. "But I've made my peace with all that now. I think of my carols as little calling cards, which maybe reach out to people who don't come across anything I've written during the rest of the year. And I'd rather be known for some of what I've written than none."

John's back catalogue is vast. He has been making up his own music since he was a tot, picking out notes on his parents' out-of-tune upright piano: "The previous occupants of our flat had actually left it behind; my parents couldn't play, so it sat there rather hopelessly in a corner until I discovered it when I was about 5 or 6. I can still remember sitting there, picking away… I couldn't read music, of course, but I must have picked out something that made sense to me."

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Although he has no known musical forebears, John, former student and director of music at Clare College, Cambridge, says the desire to make music was 'somehow very strongly in me, from a very early age'.

His talents recognised at nursery school, John was invited to audition for St Paul's, aged 7; an only child, he refused on the grounds he didn't want to become a border and, instead, won a day place at Highgate School – also with an impressive reputation for music.

John's years at Highgate were formative. A contemporary and friend of one John Tavener – "If I'd known he was going to get a knighthood, I would have been nicer to him" – he says the school's musical life was vibrant; among other things, its choir sang for the recording of Benjamin Britten's War Requiem, said by many to be the pinnacle of his career.

It was while rehearsing Bach's B Minor Mass that John realised music was his calling. "You don't choose music as a way of life, it chooses you. I remember singing that mass and thinking 'Nothing could be better than this. If anyone ever tried to part me from it, I'd be heartbroken'."

John started writing down his compositions, or 'little doodlings' as he calls them, when he was about 10. "I wasn't by any means a prodigy by the standards of Mozart or whatever.

And it was tough having to compete with John Tavener! We used to show each other what we'd written, but John used to get us to actually perform his work; I was always there, singing along somewhere… But I didn't really have the confidence to do that with my pieces."

A music degree at Clare followed; John has enjoyed a special relationship with the college, where he is now an honorary fellow, ever since. In his second year, a supervisor suggested staging a concert to get some experience of conducting; as it was close to Christmas, John decided to put some festive songs on the programme: "I wrote the Shepherd's Pipe Carol for that concert and got the Nativity Carol, which I'd written at school, out of a drawer and dusted it down."

The concert came to the attention of the legendary Sir David Willcocks, then director of music at King's College. "I got a note saying 'Would you like to present yourself in my rooms at King's at 9am on Monday? Bring your manuscripts'. So, shaking in my shoes, that's what I did. I went to his rather grand rooms and shyly handed over a small pile of paper, which he looked at and didn't say a word. It was quite heart-stopping at the time.

"Then he looked up, a twinkle in his eye, and said 'Would you be interested in these being published?'…"

As has since become legend, less than a week later John signed a retainer with Oxford University Press; he's been earning a living through composition ever since.

John and his American wife Joanne, who live in Duxford (John only retreats to the Chrishall cottage to write), had two sons, Christopher and, seven years his junior, Nick. Following in his father's footsteps, Christopher went up to Clare; tragically, in his first year, he walked out of a concert one night, was knocked down by a car and died. He was only 19.

"It's coming up for the 10th anniversary, which is quite a milestone," says John. "As anyone who's experienced a bereavement will tell you, you don't get over it, you just get better at dealing with it.

"I didn't write very much at all in the first two years after Christopher's death. Whether I would have written more if he had still been alive, I'm not sure. But I was worried that I would never be able to enjoy composing, or music in general, ever again, and was very relieved to find that I still could.

"At the time of Christopher's death, everything was going along nicely; maybe I always had a slight feeling of 'This is too good to be true', which was borne out when Christopher was knocked down on Queen's Road. It brought home the fact we're not in control, no matter how hard we try to be; it made me realise how random life is. If you'd met me 20 years ago, I was probably more cocky, but all that was knocked out of me.

"No life is for nothing, however short; Christopher was only 19, but he touched far more lives than I think he ever realised. Yet there was so much amazing potential there that could have just been wonderful… If you can't deal with that, you can't function. You have to strive not to be haunted and embittered by it; you have to look it in the face and carry on.

"Joanne and I chose to carry on. We have lots of other blessings."

Among those blessings is Nick, now taking his turn as a Clare undergrad, and John's still sparkling career. As well as composing and conducting all over the world – he has a special relationship with audiences in the States, in particular, and has done five Carnegie Hall concerts this year alone – John has his own recording choir, The Cambridge Singers (founded with the help of Harvey Brough of Harvey and the Wallbangers fame, a former Clare chorister), and his own record label, Collegium.

He has worked with many of the music world's greatest icons, from Sir William Walton to Sir Paul McCartney. The latter asked John to compose a section of A Garland for Linda, his musical tribute to his late wife. "He's a thoroughly nice guy which, considering the kind of life he leads, with a minder never far away, is, I think, quite an achievement. And he's a sublimely gifted songwriter too."

Much of John's most adored work is of a religious nature. So does he have faith? "When I'm setting a religious text I am a fervent believer," he says. "Whether you're setting something sacred or secular, you have to believe in it. And I often find sacred texts among the most inspiring.

"But when that experience is over, I go back to being what I am the rest of the time – agnostic. Like a lot of musicians, I describe myself as a friend of the church: music is a mystery; faith is a mystery. There aren't any Richard Dawkinses among us.

"I've been sent Bibles and prayer books by people in the past, but I don't want to be a hypocrite: to pretend something you don't really feel is not good, it's not honest. Having said that, I want to be buried with the full ceremony of the Church of England; I've got a long-list of 83 pieces to be played at my funeral."

John Rutter's latest album, A Song in Season, is out now. For more information, visit *www.collegium.co.uk*

Recurring theme: "I've been sent Bibles and prayer books by people in the past," he says.

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Family matter: Tree styles say something about you.

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THERE'S something about decorating the Christmas tree that can bring out the best or worst in us.

If you're a decor diva you may allow the children to hang the baubles but, be honest, once they're in bed you probably sneakily rearrange them into a more stylish display.

Alternatively, you may insist on hanging up those toilet roll fairies and snowmen while your teens cringe with embarrassment and yearn for you to splurge on a new set of supermarket decorations.

Nowadays, there are more than enough tree styles to confuse Santa when he comes down the chimney, and it's perfectly permissable to experiment with your tree decor.

Traditionalists should note that it's no longer considered naff to match your colour theme to your room.

The brave opt for a minimalist tree, all bare branches and no falling needles, and use it as the perfect place to boast a handful of witty or wickedly expensive baubles.

Here are some styles that will save you getting in a tinsel tangle, committing a taste faux pas, or finding yourself involved in decoration disagreements.

PLUMP FOR PURPLE

Rich purple shades are perfect for creating a moody, dramatic look for a tree, and you'll be echoing one of the most fashionable palettes for interiors.

This is a more theatrical look, so it's best to ignore the 'less is more' rule and opt for a generous number of jewel-coloured baubles and imaginative decorations, which are contemporary rather than cute.

Team them with a few purple accessories to tie it into your scheme and turn down the lights, because the effect will look particularly good in lamplight.

TOP TIP: Make a focal point of a glass bowl filled with plum-coloured baubles, and complement it with Matalan's purple feather wreath, £15.

ALL THAT GLITTERS

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TOP TIP: Make your own decorations using felts, ribbons, pine cones, cinnamon sticks and orange slices. Cut shapes in air dry clay with festive shaped cookie cutters, leave to dry and paint in acrylics. HobbyCraft has a video demonstration: visit *www.hobbycraft.co.uk*.

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Trapped man is released

FIREFIGHTERS had to rescue a man following a road crash in Stow Cum Quy.

A rescue vehicle from Cambridge, one Cambridge fire engine and another from Burwell were called to the incident involving a car and a van in Newmarket Road at 7.51pm on Saturday.

One man was released from one of the vehicles by firefighters. Two other people had been released before the crews arrived.

Gates taken

TWO wooden five-bar gates have been stolen from a field leading to racehorse gallops at Newmarket.

The gates were stolen from Snailwell Road, Newmarket, between 4pm and 6pm on December 7.

Anyone with information about the theft should call Sgt Mark Shipton at the Newmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team on (01284) 774100.

Bike stolen

A WHITE quad bike, registration KX07 VFP, has been stolen from Blackthorn Close, Red Lodge.

The bike, which had been left secure, was stolen between 7pm on December 3 and noon the following day.

Anyone with information should call Sgt Andrew Beeby at Mildenhall Police on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Chimney fire

A CHIMNEY caught on fire in Six Mile Bottom.

The incident happened last Thursday at 5.35pm on London Road, and a crew from Swaffham attended the scene.

A fire service spokesman warned homeowners with solid fuel fires: "Please ensure that you get your chimney swept and the brickwork inspected at least once a year."

Wood theft

A PALLET of oak flooring has been stolen from a warehouse.

The flooring was stolen from Barham and Sons in Studlands Park Avenue, Newmarket, between 5pm on December 7 and 8.30am the following day.

A door at the company's premises was forced before the loaded pallet was stolen.

Anyone with information should call Suffolk police on (01473) 613500.

Meeting the man: youngsters visit Santa during Mildenhall's late-night shopping event. CP

Lights go on for late-night shoppers

A MINI ski slope was among the attractions at Mildenhall's late Christmas shopping event.

Visitors were also able to try walking inside the giant 'Zorb balls'.

The town's Market Place was closed to traffic for the event which attracted hundreds of visitors.

Santa in his sleigh was delayed by traffic and there were three false countdowns before the lights lit on the Christmas tree in St Mary's churchyard, but the organisers declared themselves happy with the way the event went.

Christmas lighting displays were extended this year by the parish council.

A competition for the best shop window display runs until tomorrow, when the judging takes place.

Crackdown to tackle town's drunken yobs

BY JOHN GOODE

Email: editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk

A FIVE-week campaign to tackle vandalism and anti-social behaviour has been launched by the police and councils.

The Newmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) has code-named the campaign Operation Nairobi, and will be hoping to make arrests by identifying "hot spots" where crimes have previously been committed.

Insp Neil Ireland said: "This campaign is closely linked to the night-time economy and focuses on the actions of drunken individuals as they return home from a night out.

"We are receiving reports from shop owners of smashed windows and the outside of shops being damaged or defaced. From residents, we are receiving reports of scratches to the paintwork of vehicles, missing wing mirrors and windscreen wipers, damage to fences and garden furniture and noise pollution.

"Everyone should be able to enjoy themselves over Christmas but the festivities are no excuse for bad behaviour, which is caused by a minority.

"The offenders do not appreciate the impact their actions have on local residents and shop owners such as fear, stress, disturbance and the cost of the repairs."

Shop owner Heather Catling, of Heather's in Newmarket High Street, recently had her shop window smashed.

She said: "My shop window was damaged in October. Getting it fixed and cleaning up the mess was a real inconvenience to me. It's a shame that at certain times of the year that too much alcohol can lead to senseless damage and anti-social behaviour."

To accompany the five-week campaign, an operational partnership event is planned with Suffolk County Council, Forest Heath District Council and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service.

The SOS Bus and Newmarket Town Pastors are also due to be assisting.

Young footballers show off community spirit

A YOUTH football team has won sponsorship from the police.

The Red Lodge under-15s now display the logo of the Mildenhall Safer Neighbourhood team on their kit. It says: "Making a difference…together."

The team wore the new kit for the first time on December 5 after it was bought with a £300 grant from the Suffolk Police Authority's partnership fund.

PCSO Tim Hartup said: "By providing funding it helps to improve our relationships with young people, allowing us to promote good citizenship and community responsibility.

"It also offers time to engage with the parents of the players during matches and training sessions."

Sign, please: Amanda Lockhart puts pen to paper at the exhibition's launch. CP

Top photographer shows work at museum's winter exhibition

A new exhibition of black and white photographs showing dramatic scenes from the world of horseracing is being staged at the National Horseracing Museum.

It is the first time that the museum, in Newmarket High Street, has been open for an exhibition in the winter.

It features photographs from Amanda Lockhart's new book, *The Art of the Race*.

She started the project in 2006 when she was approached by the Jockey Club to make a photographic record of the world of racing.

She was given unique access to horses, jockeys and race meetings and the results have now been published.

In our weekly column, reporter JOHN GOODE takes a look behind the racing scene to bring you news from in and around the stables.

She signed copies of the book at a reception to launch the exhibition.

Amanda has previously worked for Reuters news agency, the *Sunday Telegraph* and the *Scotsman* and has exhibited her pictures in London at Space Gallery, Le Salon des Arts and The Cavalry and Guards Club.

She has dedicated *The Art of the Race* to her uncle, Dave Dick, a top jump jockey who died in 2001 aged 76.

Chris Garibaldi, museum director, said: "We are delighted to be holding the exhibition over the winter season.

"This is a new departure for us and we couldn't be more pleased with the response from the public.

"The images are extremely beautiful and the exhibition is proving to be very popular."

There is no admission charge to view the exhibition, which will be open until February 6.

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Currently the group's main project is helping the government in its efforts to introduce more solar panels to houses in Britain – and the best part is the government and investors are subsidising the cost of the panels. Home owners now need only pay for the cost of installation (£500) and receive the panels for free. The one-off payment also covers a maintenance guarantee for 25 years and five years of roof insurance.

The scheme enables you to save money on your daytime electricity costs, any power you don't use goes back into the national grid and helps pay back the government and investors for the panels. Don't think that the panels won't work over the darker months, because solar panels work on daylight rather than direct sunlight, so they'll be generating power so long as there is light.

If it's insulation you're after this winter, there is also a subsidy for loft and wall insulation, and you only need pay a one-off contribution payments of between £129-£199 depending on the size of your house. Loft insulation can prevent 20-25 per cent of heat lost through your roof, while wall cavity insulation can stop a massive 35 per cent, meaning not only will you save money, but you will be helping to protect the environment too. Loft and cavity wall insulation is free for over 70s, registered disabled and anyone receiving benefits.

For advice or a free survey, talk to cousins Charles and Michael Cavey, who are the regional canvassing manager and regional surveying manager respectively, and whose help can typically knock between 50-70 per cent off your energy bills.

Call the Energy Saving Group's local office on (0800) 5677493, or contact Charles directly on 07786 101335.

Or you can visit *www.energysavinggroup.co.uk*.

Energy Saving Group: left is Charles Cavey with cousin Michael.

Canine friend: Pc Nick Self with Lincoln the German Shepherd, and members of the 1st Red Lodge Cub Pack.

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Cubs shown dog section stars

POLICE dogs were put through their paces to give young members of a Cub pack a demonstration of the way they work.

The visit to the 1st Red Lodge Cub Park by dogs from the Suffolk unit was arranged through Mildenhall Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).

They were shown a German Shepherd and a Spaniel drugs dog at their meeting at Red Lodge Community Church.

PCSO Tim Hartup, from Mildenhall SNT, said: "We held a similar event in January this year for members of the Red Lodge Youth Club, and the young people really enjoyed themselves.

"Events like this allow the police to engage with young people in a fun and interactive way.

"The Red Lodge Cub group has more than 20 members which are children aged between 8 to 11 years.

"I am always keen to organise events in Red Lodge to interact with the community and build a strong relationship with them."

Pc Nick Self, of the Dog Unit, said: "We hope that this event will help the children to better understand our role in the constabulary and the work that we do.

"The dog section uses German Shepherds for general purpose police work, searching, tracking and crowd control and the rather more lively Spaniels and other gun dog breeds to search out illegal substances, detect firearms and explosives."

The officers also gave general advice on the welfare and care of dogs.

Action group set to target youngsters' exam results

A COUNCIL hopes to boost exam results at schools in its district by setting up a new action group.

Members of Forest Heath District Council are to work with education officers to try to improve youngsters' skills and their career chances.

The council's overview and scrutiny committee decided to act after hearing that GCSE results lagged behind the national and county averages.

Across the country more than half the students at Key Stage 4 get five or more A*-C grades. In Suffolk 48.7 per cent reached the standard last year.

But only 36 per cent of students at Mildenhall College of Technology and 43 per cent at Newmarket College achieved the grades.

Councillors are puzzled by the poor GCSE results as Key Stage 2 standards in English and maths are around the national and county averages.

Cllr Robin Millar, the committee chairman, said: "What is concerning is a dip in Key Stage 4 attainment. No-one can explain why that happens after performing so well at Key Stage 2. We want to find out what more can be done to support schools to do even better. It is in the interests of all students and Forest Heath District Council will play its part in raising standards."

BY JOHN GOODE

Email: editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk

He added: "One of the things to emerge from presentations to the committee was the importance of what happens outside school; the support a child receives from parents and the links between schools and the life and work of the community. We will be looking closely at areas such as this to see what the district council can do to assist and support our children in our schools.

"We are setting up a small group, which will take advice and evidence from a range of experts. The group will take time to explore the issues and to consider what we can do to support educational attainment across the district.

"We are already working hard, and successfully, to attract new business to the district and this influx will offer great opportunities to young people currently in school but only if they have the right skills. We also want to build on the successes stories and improve education for future generations."

Bail extension for crash man

A MAN arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving has had his bail extended for a second time.

The 30-year-old faced further questions at Cambridge's Parkside police station last week over his part in the crash, which involved the death of a toddler, Henry Blacklock.

Henry, aged 3, who lived with his mum Clare Seager in Red Lodge, was a passenger in a Renault Clio driven by his father, Martin Blacklock, of King Edward Road, Newmarket.

Mr Blacklock, 42, suffered serious injuries in the crash which involved a Jaguar car.

The crash happened on the B1063 Ashley Road at Cheveley, near Newmarket on Saturday, October 23.

Cambridgeshire police said the 30-year-old man has been further released on bail until Tuesday, December 21.

He was previously ordered to answer bail on December 1.

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Skating stars bring magic to classic tale

UPLIFTING TALE: Snow White, performed by the Russian Ice Stars CP

PERFORMED by the world-famous Russian Ice Stars, the classic tale of the enchanted mirror, the beautiful girl and the shiny red apple comes to the stage as you've never seen it before.

Snow White on Ice will combine great storytelling, breathtaking acrobatics and sumptuous costumes to bring to life this timeless tale in a whole new way.

What's more, acclaimed actor, comedian, and radio and TV presenter Nicholas Parsons will be taking on the role of narrator.

Irina Tkachuk stars in the title role. "It's a beautiful, artistic interpretation of the story," says Parsons. "The Russian ice skaters are absolutely fabulous – it's like a ballet on ice."

This spellbinding show promises to be both lavish and spectacular, dazzling with sheer beauty and elegance that will thrill the whole family.

With ice rinks springing up throughout the country and nearly 10 million people tuning in to see the celebrity final of ITV's Dancing On Ice, ice skating has captured the imagination of adults and children everywhere!

So, what better Christmas treat than the chance to see some of the best ice skating anywhere in the best-loved fairytale of them all.

■ **Snow White *on Ice*, Cambridge Corn Exchange, December 15-31. Tickets range from £11 to £26.50. Contact (01223) 357851 or visit *www.cornex.co.uk***

Meanwhile, grab your glass slippers and pumpkin carriages: you won't want to miss this eccentric retelling of the beloved children's classic, *Cinderella*.

Get ready to boo the horrible stepsisters as they try to keep Cinders from going to the ball, where her dashing Prince Charming awaits.

Performed by Chaplins Pantos, *Cinderella* promises to be a riot of fun and frivolity.

■ **Cinderella, Mumford Theatre, December 21 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm, and December 22 at 11am and 3pm. Tickets are £6.50. Book on 0845 1962320.**

Local drama groups are also planning their seasonal pantomines, so why not go along and give them your support. Here's a list of what's on offer.

■ DISGRUNTLED giants, golden eggs and magic beans are on the agenda as Saffron Players bring us their latest panto, *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

This much-loved adventure for all the family will be staged at Saffron Walden Town Hall on January 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22. Tickets are £6. Call (01799) 524002 to book.

■ FROM January 5-8, Little Shelford Pantomime will bring the tale of *Cinderella* to life on stage. Held at The Memorial Hall, Little Shelford, the show starts at 7.30pm and is bound to bring a little magic to those cold winter evenings. Contact (01223) 842498 to book your seats.

■ THE classic story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* will be given a quirky local slant by the Waterbeach Community Players in January. Enjoy a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm, or spend an evening with Jack and his magic hen at 7.30pm. All performances take place at Waterbeach Primary School. Contact (01223) 570109 for details and tickets.

■ THE Pantaloons Theatre Company is performing Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* as part of a national tour. They're coming to Saffron Walden Town Hall on Tuesday December 21 at 7pm.

Tickets cost £6 (£4 concessions) from the box office. Contact (01799) 524002.

■ KICK-START the new year with Nomads' festive re-enactment of two fairy tale classics, taking place in Newmarket in January. *Robin Hood* and *Babes in the Wood* will both get the proper panto treatment, with outrageous costumes, cheeky puns and plenty of rousing songs all thrown in for good measure.

The pantos are being staged at the Kings Theatre from January 7-15, contact (01638) 663337 for tickets.

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Moving Bach for Christmas

THE Musical and Amicable Society will perform *Concerti* for Christmas at Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge, this Saturday.

This vibrant, young chamber orchestra – performing on period instruments without a conductor – is a democratic ensemble of soloists who have thrilled audiences with their superb musicianship and risk-taking energy. This year they are joined by celebrated soprano Emily Van Evera and one of the world's greatest trumpeters, Adrian Woodward. Their programme centres around one of Bach's most celebratory works, *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen* – a magnificent five-movement for both soprano and trumpet. The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £22 (£17 concessions). Phone (01223) 338400 to book.

Funny finalist on Custard bill

FINALIST of NBC's Last Comic Standing, Louis Ramey, will headline Custard Comedy's Christmas show this week. Ramey, who originally hails from Atlanta, Georgia, has also had his own half-hour special on Comedy Central. Catch him as he pitches up at Comberton Leisure tomorrow. Tickets cost £8 (£6 concessions) in advance or £10 (£8) on the door. Contact (01223) 264444 / *www.wegottickets.com/event/92265*

Opening for Louis is Andy Watson, who has been praised for his "wonderfully physical and playful style". Steve N Allen will also be taking to the stage.

Music of old to put you in festive mood

BY JENNIFER SHELTON

Experience Christmas music as it was heard in the 16th and 17th centuries with Passamezzo, who will hold a festive concert at Sidney Sussex College Chapel, Cambridge.

The programme will feature music by Gibbons, Peerson, Weelkes, East, Hume, Ravenscroft, and includes ballads, lute songs, carols, consort music and madrigals.

The concert also offers an opportunity to learn about the festive customs of the time through readings from Shakespeare, Stow, Evelyn and others, who tell of feasts and revels through the cold of winter and fairs on frozen rivers.

Passamezzo devise and perform historical music, dance and spectacle for all occasions, aiming to bring history to life through their meticulous research and passion for the past. The group tours regularly, and in the past have performed at Hampton Court. They have also recorded three CDs.

The programme on Saturday will be performed in full Elizabethan costume by Eleanor Cramer (soprano, viols); Chris Goodwin (lute, bass); Alison Kinder (viols, recorders); Tamsin Lewis (violin, viols, alto) and Michael Palmer (actor, baritone).

■ **To Shorten Winter's Sadness, Sidney Sussex College Chapel, Saturday at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (£8 concessions) from (01223) 691838.**

HISTORIC TUNES: from Passamezzo, who will perform at Sidney Sussex College Chapel this weekend.

Lies and spies with the UN

YOUNG actors from Cambridge have been training as spies for their latest production.

Though the cast don't quite plan to follow in the footsteps of Cambridge graduates and infamous Russian spies Kim Philby and Anthony Blunt, for their production of *The UN Inspector*, 23 students attended Spymasters in Bar Hill to gather research for David Farr's fast-paced farce.

Set in a small country in the former Soviet Union, the play follows a British businessman nonentity who is mistaken for the dreaded UN inspector. While he exploits the situation for all its worth, presidential panic ensues as ex-Soviet ministers make farcical attempts to cover up the corruption that lies at the State's core.

The production promises to be a hugely energetic and entertaining comedy with an exciting, alternative soundtrack and fantastic performances.

The UN Inspector is on at the Mumford Theatre, Cambridge, at 7.30pm until tomorrow. Tickets are £9 (£7 concessions) from (01223) 352932 or email *mumford@anglia.ac.uk*

Cinema Listings

All times are PM unless otherwise stated

CAMBRIDGE CINEWORLD
0871 200 2000
www.cineworld.co.uk
Times from Fri, Dec 17, until Thu, Dec 23
Meet The Parents: Little Fockers (12A): Wed-Thu 12.45, 3, 5.10, 7.25, 9.40
Tron Legacy 3D (PG): Fri-Thu 11.30am, 2.30, 5.30, 6 (subtitles Sun), 8.30, 9.10 (subtitles Mon)
Burlesque (12A); Fri-Thu 1.10, 3.40, 6.15, 8.50
Fred – The Movie (12A): Fri-Tues 12.15, 2.15, 4.15, 6.15; Wed-Thu 12.15, 2.15
Animals United 3D (U): Fri-Mon 1.15; Tues 3.25; Wed 1.15; Thu 3.25
Animals United (U): Fri-Mon 11.10am, 3.25; Tues 1.15; Wed 11.10am, 3.25; Thu 1.15
The Chronicles Of Narnia – The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader 3D (PG): Fri 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.35; Sat-Sun 10.15am, 12.45, 3.20, 5.55 (subtitles), 8.35; Mon-Thu 12.45, 3.20, 5.55 (subtitles), 8.35
The Chronicles Of Narnia – The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader (PG): Fri 1.30, 6.25; Sat-Thu 11am, 1.30, 6.25
The Tourist (12A): Fri-Tues 12.20, 2.45, 5.05, 7.25, 9.50; Wed-Thu 5.05, 7.25, 9.50
Megamind 3D (PG): Fri-Thu 12noon, 2.10, 4.25, 6.45, 9
Megamind (PG): Fri-Thu 4.10
Monsters (12A): Fri-Tues 8.15
Unstoppable (12A): Fri-Thu 9
Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (12A): Fri-Thu 1.15, 4.30, 7.45
Despicable Me (U): Sat-Thu 11am
movies for juniors
A Christmas Carol (PG): Sat 10am; Sun-Thu 11am
Shrek Forever After (U): Sat 10am
Toy Story 3 (U): Sat 10am

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Times from Fri, Dec 17, until Thu, Dec 23
Legend Of The Guardians (PG): Sat 10am, Thu 10am
Teen screenings – exclusive screenings for 13-18 year olds
Twilight Saga: Eclipse (12A): Fri 5.05, Thu 5.30
Nutcracker (TBC): Mon 2, Tues 6.15
Burlesque (12A): Fri-Sat 12.10, 2.50, 5.30, 8.10, 11; Sun-Tues 12.10, 2.50, 5.30, 8.10; Wed-Thu 12.10, 2.50, 5.30, 8.10, 11
Fred – The Movie (12A): Fri-Thu 9.20am, 11.35am, 1.55
Animals United (U): Fri-Thu 10am, 12.15, 2.30, 4.45
Tron Legacy 3D (PG): Fri-Sat 2.20, 5.25, 8.30, 11.35; Sun 2.20, 5.25, 8.30,; Mon 5.25, 8.30; Tues 2.20, 8.55; Wed-Thu 2.20, 5.25, 8.30, 11.35
Tron Legacy 2D (PG): Fri-Sat 10.40am, 1.25, 4.10, 7, 9.45; Sun 10.40am, 1.25, 7, 9.45; Mon-Tues 10.40am, 1.25, 4.10, 7; Wed-Thu 10.40am, 1.25, 4.10, 9.45
Meet The Parents: Little Fockers (12A): Wed-Thu 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30, 3.40, 5.50, 8, 10.10, 0.10am
Chronicles Of Narnia – Voyage Of The Dawn Treader 3D (PG): Fri-Thu 11.40am
Chronicles Of Narnia – Voyage Of The Dawn Treader 2D (PG): Fri-Thu 12.05, 2.40, 5.15, 7.50, 10:30
The Tourist (12A): Fri-Sat 4.20, 6.45, 9.25, 11.55; Sun-Tues 4.20, 6.45, 9.25; Wed-Thu 4.20, 6.45, 9.25, 11.55
Megamind 3D (PG): Fri-Thu 9.30am
Megamind 2D (PG): Fri 10.10am, 12.30, 2.50; Sat-Tues 10.10am, 12.30, 2.50, 5.10; Wed-Thu 10.10am, 12.30, 2.50, 4.10, 5.10
Unstoppable (12A): Fri-Tues 7.40, 10
Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part I (12A): Fri-Sat 9.30am, 12.40, 4, 7.30, 10.50; Sun 9.30am, 12.40, 4, 7.30; Mon-Tues 12.40, 4, 7.30; Wed-Thu 12.40, 4, 7.30, 10.50
Due Date (15): Fri-Sat 7, 9.15, 11.30; Sun 7, 9.15; Mon-Tues 7, 9.15; Wed-Thu 7, 9.15, 11.30
Despicable Me 2D (U): Fri-Thu 9.50am
Tron Legacy 2D (PG) subtitled performance): Sun (TBC): 1.25, Tues (TBC) 7

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Times from Fri, Dec 17, until Thu, Dec 23
Alpha & Omega (U): Tues-Wed 3
Another Year (12A): Sun 7.30; Tues 7.30

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Times from Fri, Dec 17, until Thu, Dec 23
Despicable Me 2D (U): Tues 10.30am
The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG): Wed 10.30am
Despicable Me 2D (U): Wed 2.30pm

HAVERHILL CINEWORLD
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Times from Fri, Dec 17, until Thu, Dec 23
Dorothy The Dinosaur's Rockin' Christmas (U) Sat 10am; Sun-Thu 12noon
Meet The Parents: Little Fockers (12A): Wed-Thu 4.30, 7, 9.15
Tron Legacy 3D (PG): Fri 2.30, 5.30, 8.30; Sat 11.30am, 2.30, 5.30, 8.30; Sun-Thu 2.30 (subtitles Sun), 5.30 (subtitles Mon), 8.30
The Chronicles Of Narnia – The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader 3D (PG): Fri-Thu 2.40, 5.15 (subtitles Mon), 8.20
The Chronicles Of Narnia – The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader (PG): Fri-Thu 1, 3.30, 5.45
The Tourist (12A): Fri-Tues 4.15, 6.45, 9; Wed-Thu 9
Megamind 3D (PG): Fri-Thu 12.15 (subtitles Sun-Mon)
Megamind (PG): Fri 2; Sat 11am, 2; Sun-Thu 2
The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest (15) (Swedish with English subtitles): Fri-Tues 8
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Toy Story 3 (U): Sat 10.30am

The big film

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER
certificate PG 112m

THERE'S action and adventure ahoy in the third book of CS Lewis's enchanting Narnia series.

Following on from the daring escapades of *Prince Caspian, The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader* sets sail without the two eldest Pevensie children, Peter (William Moseley) and Susan (Anna Popplewell), and press-gangs some fresh talent to carry the series into the choppy waters of the fourth book, *The Silver Chair*.

Director Michael Apted bows down to the current fad of 3D format but this version barely takes advantage of the eye-popping possibilities.

Most of the cast return with the notable absence of Eddie Izzard as the voice of sword-wielding mouse, Reepicheep. He's replaced by Simon Pegg, who rouses the cast into action by telling the children: "There is no honour in turning away from adventure."

The film opens with Peter away at university and Susan in America, consigning Lucy (Georgie Henley) and Edmund (Skandar Keynes) to a miserable stay with stuffy cousin Eustace Scrubb (Will Poulter).

He collects insects and can't think of anything nicer than pinning his relatives to the wall like butterfly specimens. During a fight between Edmund and Eustace, a painting in the guest bedroom magically transports all three to Narnia and onto the titular vessel captained by Drinian (Gary Sweet).

Eustace is aghast but Lucy and Edmund settle in quickly as Narnian royalty, reuniting with King Caspian (Ben Barnes) and Reepicheep (Pegg) aboard The Dawn Treader.

It transpires that Caspian is on a quest to locate the swords of seven lost noblemen and the Pevensie children pledge their support, encountering the White Witch (Tilda Swinton) and the majestic lion Aslan (Liam Neeson) along the way.

The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader is the most crudely constructed of the films, loosely stitching together the set pieces with comical altercations between Eustace and his cousins. Inevitably, the new boy discovers the hero within, while Lucy learns lessons about self-confidence and beauty.

Production design is impressive and the script introduces two monsters for the special effects-heavy finale that should delight younger audiences.

Poulter matures from comic relief to would-be hero, while Henley and Keynes make the most of their underwritten roles before they too bid a tearful farewell to their fantastical friends. Our eyes remain dry.

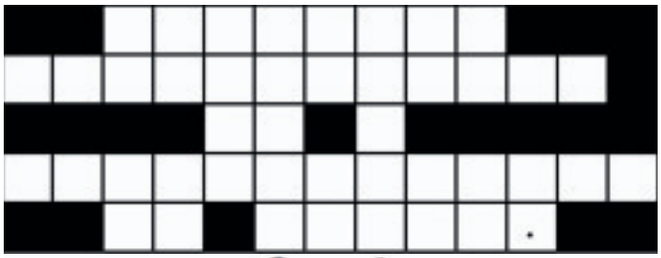
Lost letters 44

In each of these puzzles a famous or popular quotation fills the grid. The individual letters remain in their correct column, but have fallen out and are out of order.

Reinsert them in the correct order to find the answer. Any punctuation is given in its own square.

This quotation is from Groucho Marx..

■ Last week's solution: **Unhappiness is best defined as the difference between our talents and our expectations.**



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Sudoku 131:

Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

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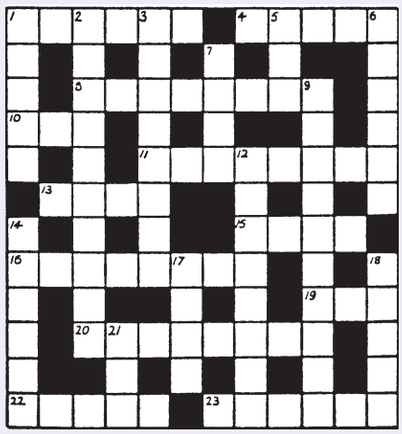
■ Last week's solution.

Crossword 2196



Across

1. Jump suddenly on to the quiet lightweight. (6)
4. Undress for second journey. (5)
8. Put on ring – leave, rejecting act – won't help. (2,2,4)
10. Girl can prosecute. (3)
11. The first nobleman put on different ties. (8)
13. Son has vehicle with sign of damage. (4)
15. Head of the loch. (4)
16. Seen again, to be criticised? (8)
19. Former partner should start to escape river. (3)
20. Telling of a member of the family. (8)
22. The very best eel struggles round it. (5)
23. Saw how to live and be hugged. (6)

Down

1. Wait a moment; sounds like feet. (5)
2. Where spies need to be - below shelter. (5,5)
3. Study poem? Just the opposite! (8)
5. A pair held by the first woman. (3)
6. Too good a speed achieved by marauder. (6)
7. Indian music sent up with seaweed. (4)
9. Clothes with taste perhaps? Need it to look smart. (5,5)
12. Country belonging to me may go off. (4-4)
14. Crib needs credit with strange deal. (6)
17. Not strong for several days, it's said. (4)
18. Live on a road with Whiskers, perhaps. (5)
21. Newt, abandoned, loses its head. (3)

Solution 2195 – Across: 1. Majorca; 4. Beet; 6. Keyring; 9. Ardour; 11. Raise; 12. Entrap; 15. Amelia; 18. Combe; 19. Yankee; 21. Reserve; 23. Stag; 24. Fervent. **Down:** 1. Make ready; 2. Joyride; 3. Con; 4. Bandit; 5. Esau; 7. Iceni; 8. Gate; 10. Represent; 13. Nicks; 14. Remorse; 16. Liking; 17. Aver; 20. Abet; 22. Eye

FOUR Ws

1. WHO...played the title role in the 2005 film biography *Capote*? WHAT...was the name of Cloris Leachman's character name in *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*? WHERE...was the writer William S Burroughs born? WHEN...did Elie Wiesel win the Nobel Peace Prize?

2. WHO...did Juan Ignacio Chela defeat in the 1st Round of the 2006 Australian Open men's singles tennis championship? WHAT...was the award-winning debut novel by Susan Fletcher? WHERE...was comedian Jim Carrey born? WHEN...was the poet Christopher Logue born?

3. WHO...does Lynn Cohen portray in the 2005 film *Munich*? WHAT...is the alias of the comic book character Spider-Man's enemy Flint Marko? WHERE...was golf's 2005 Open Championship held? WHEN...was the financial journal *The Economist* founded?

Answers: 1. Philip Seymour Hoffman; Phyllis Lindstrom; St Louis, Missouri, US; 1986. **2.** Andy Murray; Eve Green; Newmarket, Ontario, Canada; 1926. **3.** Golda Meir; The Sandman; St Andrews; 1843.

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How to beat the big freeze

by Hannah Stephenson

While the recent snowfall we've had in the UK has created a beautiful winter wonderland in many gardens, it may be a different story next year as many plants fail to recover from the bitterly cold weather.

Leading garden charity the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) says if you haven't already winter-proofed your garden, don't waste any more time if you want your less hardy plants to survive the winter. Go into the garden and clear plants, conifers and hedges of snow before their branches buckle and snap under the weight.

Guy Barter, chief horticultural adviser at the RHS, says: "Plants differ in their ability to frost-proof themselves and a hard winter might involve prolonged freezes, with pots and the top 20cm of the soil freezing solid."

Plants at risk include dahlias, fuchsias, gladioli, pelargoniums, canna, citrus and olives, although most keen gardeners will have long since lifted summer-flowering bulbs for storage through the winter and brought their tender specimens under cover or indoors during the dormant period.

Barter says: "Roots are often more vulnerable than upper parts of plants, so preventing pots from freezing is sensible and mulching the roots of vulnerable plants such as hardy fuchsias is wise.

"Tender plants are less able to reduce the prospects of freezing damage and their cell membranes and structures are especially likely to function poorly at cool temperatures. In a hard winter gardeners can expect heavy losses unless they can give protection to their plants.

"Cold winds remove moisture from evergreen foliage that cannot be replenished from the frozen soil, so leaves and needles are scorched and killed. Hard winters leave many disfigured evergreens and conifers."

The RHS offers the following tips to minimise damage during a really hard winter:

■ Top up stocks of fuel for greenhouse heaters and insulate greenhouses and frames with bubble polythene. Further protection can be given by laying fleece over plants in greenhouses or frames and covering frames with old carpets at night or during severe cold snaps.

■ Move tender plants in pots to a sheltered place. Greenhouses and conservatories are ideal, especially if they can be kept frost-free. Otherwise, wrap the pots in bubble wrap or bin liners filled with straw, cardboard or leaves, and place the pots against a sheltered wall or an open-fronted shed.

Garages and other buildings are often too dark, but can be successful with care and luck.

■ Go easy on watering containers – plants with dryish roots are better placed to resist cold than ones in soggy compost.

■ Mulch the root zone of evergreens, conifers, tender shrubs and tender perennials with coarse organic matter to help exclude frost and prevent the ground being frozen.

■ Keep a long pole handy to shake snow off hedges and trees to prevent the snow's weight causing breakages.

■ Avoid pruning in freezing weather. Bonfires can be fun, but do be considerate to your neighbours and don't break local bylaws.

■ Wrap tender foliage in fleece. Be aware that fleece only gives a degree or two of protection so consider straw packing inside the fleece to limit frost damage.

■ Drain watering equipment, sprayers and external plumbing.

■ Don't allow liquid fertilisers and pesticides to freeze as this often ruins them.

■ Avoid letting lifted dahlias, cannas, gladioli, stored vegetables and fruits freeze.

■ Keep a stock of parsnips, leeks and other vegetables in a frost-proof place in case frozen soil prevents harvesting.

■ On a positive note, frozen ground can be helpful if you need to barrow materials such as compost around the garden - just avoid treading on frozen grass as your footmarks will be visible for weeks.

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE: The Royal Horticultural Society has offered tips to help gardeners protect their plants this winter.

BEST OF THE BUNCH

Christmas cactus

They provide a burst of vivid colour and a touch of the tropics to windowsills during the worst of the winter weather, with flowers emerging from their branching and arching stems which are tooth-edged.

Every Christmas cactus I've ever owned seems to have thrived on relative neglect, so be warned you can kill them with kindness by overwatering. Leave them alone, watering occasionally, don't turn the plants on your windowsill or the buds may drop. Also, avoid putting them in draughts or cold temperatures – keeping hybrids above 15C (59F) to hold their colour.

The Schlumbergera truncata, its technical name, comes in shades of white, pink, red and purple and is generally bought from garden centres in bud and blooms between mid November and late January, depending on the variety you buy.

Water them at the roots rather than directly into the compost. Just put the water into the base you are resting the pot in, letting it soak upwards for a while before draining the base, then water again from below when the compost begins to dry out.

For good flowering provide long nights of uninterrupted darkness – which means no artificial light – in autumn. Just before flowering, the plants should be kept cool and dryish until the flower buds form, and then you can increase water and temperature. They can be placed outside in the summer in a shady spot.

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.**
11.30 **Nigella Kitchen.**
12.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
12.15 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker looks ahead to the weekend's matches.
1.00 **Sports Personality of the Year: The Contenders.**
1.40 **Olympia International Horse Show.** Highlights of last night's Puissance event.
2.45 **FILM: The Game Plan (2007).** Family comedy.
4.30 **Final Score.**
5.10 **BBC News.**
5.30 **Total Wipeout – Celebrity Special.**
6.30 **The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson.**
7.00 **Strictly Come Dancing.**
8.00 **The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.** Rapper Tinie Tempah performs.
8.15 **Casualty.**
9.05 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Bruce Forsyth, Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman gather for the results show to reveal the Strictly Come Dancing 2010 champions. Last in the series.
10.05 **BBC News.**
10.25 **Match of the Day.** Gabby Logan presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes (C) National Lottery Update.
11.45 **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents.

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: The Pingu Show.**
6.10 **Timmy Time.**
6.20 **Louie.**
6.30 **Charlie and Lola.**
6.40 **Postman Pat.**
7.00 **CBBC: The Jungle Book.**
7.15 **Deadly 60.**
7.40 **Bear Behaving Badly.**
8.05 **Eliot Kid.**
8.20 **Shaun the Sheep.**
8.25 **Shaun the Sheep.**
8.30 **ChuckleVision.**
9.00 **Hotel Trubble.**
9.30 **Scoop.**
9.55 **Diddy Dick & Dom.**
10.00 **Tracy Beaker Returns.**
10.45 **OOglies.**
11.00 **Roy.**
11.30 **The Big Performance.**
12.00 **BBC Switch: The Cut. 12.35 Rules of Love. 1.50 The 5:19 Show.**
2.20 **Bargain Hunt.**
2.45 **Escape to the Country.**
3.30 **At Home with the Georgians.**
4.30 **One Man and His Dog.**
5.30 **FILM: The Guns of Navarone (1961).**
8.00 **Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring's brother visits.
8.40 **Blackadder II.** Edmund takes a young lad on as his manservant.
9.15 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You.**
10.00 **QI XL.**
10.45 **Believe: The Eddie Izzard Story.**
12.15 **FILM: The Drowning Pool (1975).** Thriller sequel, starring Paul Newman.

ITV

6.00 **CITV: The Fluffy Club.**
7.25 **Toonattik.**
9.25 **Monk.**
9.30 **The X Factor.**
11.30 **This Morning: Saturday.**
12.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.30 **You've Been Framed!**
1.00 **Coronation Street: 50 Years, 50 Moments.** Part one of two.
2.00 **FILM: A Cinderella Story (2004).** Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray.
3.45 **FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007).** Fantasy comedy.
5.35 **Anglia News and Weather.**
5.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **Family Film of the Decade.** A showcase of the past 10 years' greatest family movies.
7.00 **The Cube: Celebrity Special.**
8.00 **Take Me Out.** A boxer, a teacher, a property developer and a rapper try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates.
9.15 **FILM: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001).** Romantic comedy starring Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth.
11.05 **ITV News and Weather.**
11.20 **Sting: Live in Berlin.** The singer-songwriter performs some of his best-known songs in the German capital, backed by the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra and his own four-piece band.

CHANNEL 4

6.30 **Sali Mali. 6.35 Yo Gabba Gabba.**
7.00 **World Sport.**
7.25 **Sailing.**
7.55 **The Morning Line.**
8.55 **T4: One Tree Hill. 9.50 Ugly Betty. 10.50 Koko Pop. 11.20 Burlesque: Movie Special. 11.55 Friends. 12.20 Hollyoaks Music Show Christmas Special.**
1.25 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Ascot and Haydock Park.
3.25 **Come Dine with Me.**
3.55 **Come Dine with Me.**
4.30 **FILM: Horton Hears a Who! (2008).** Premiere. Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Jim Carrey.
6.05 **Come Dine with Me.**
6.35 **Come Dine with Me.**
7.05 **Come Dine with Me.**
7.35 **Channel 4 News.**
7.55 **4thought.tv.**
8.00 **Kirstie and Phil's Perfect Christmas.** (R) (T) 7505
9.00 **Kirstie and Phil's Perfect Christmas.** The duo plan New Year celebrations. Last in the series.
10.05 **The Million Pound Drop Live.**
11.25 **FILM: Scary Movie 2 (2001).** Spoof horror sequel, starring Anna Faris.
1.00 **King of the Hill.**
1.25 **FILM: An Everlasting Piece (2000).** Comedy, starring Barry McEvoy and Brian O'Byrne.
3.15 **Brothers & Sisters.**
4.00 **ER.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!: Peppa Pig.**
10.00 **K9.**
10.35 **UEFA Europa League Highlights.**
11.35 **Your Sport.**
11.45 **The Gadget Show.**
12.45 **Extreme Fishing with Robson Green.**
1.45 **FILM: Naughty or Nice (2004).** Festive comedy, starring George Lopez.
3.35 **FILM: Crazy for Christmas (2005).** Family drama, starring Andrea Roth.
5.30 **FILM: Call Me Claus (2001).** Christmas family drama, starring Whoopi Goldberg.
7.20 **Five News.**
7.25 **The Mentalist.**
8.10 **NCIS.** The team hears that an old enemy has returned, and Gibbs is distressed to learn he is being targeted as the criminal's next victim. Guest starring Rudolf Martin.
9.05 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Part two of two. The team co-operates with a serial killer to get information on Dr Jekyll, while Langston learns of the fate awaiting the next victim.
10.05 **CSI: NY.** Miami detective Horatio Caine goes in pursuit of a serial killer in New York, but soon loses the trail and is forced to look for other leads. David Caruso guest stars.
11.05 **CSI: NY.**
12.00 **SuperCasino.**
4.05 **Poker.**

Strictly Come Dancing Final
BBC1, Saturday, 7pm

David Suchet on the Orient Express
ITV, Sunday, 9pm

100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross
Channel Four, Sunday, 6pm

A Christmas Carol
five, Sunday, 7.05pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.35 **Match of the Day.**
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Fern Britton Meets Sir Cliff Richard.**
11.00 **Country Tracks.**
12.00 **BBC News.**
12.05 **Wild Weather of the Midlands.** Shefali Oza looks at extreme weather in the Midlands region.
12.25 **EastEnders.** Omnibus.
2.25 **Drop Zone.** The four remaining teams land in Thailand.
3.25 **Drop Zone.** The three remaining teams complete in the final of the adventure game show, tackling rugged terrain and demanding tasks in Vietnam. Presented by Steve Jones. Last in the series.
4.25 **Lifeline.**
4.35 **Songs of Praise.** Pam Rhodes experiences an Edwardian Christmas in Shropshire, learning about carols, gifts, festive food and traditions from the early 20th century.
5.10 **BBC News.**
5.30 **Jimmy's Food Factory.**
6.00 **Countryfile Winter Special.** Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.00 **Sports Personality of the Year.**
9.00 **The Apprentice.** Last in the series.
11.00 **BBC News.**
11.20 **FILM: Butterfly on a Wheel (2007).** Thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan and Gerard Butler; (C) Weatherview.

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: The Pingu Show. 6.10 Timmy Time. 6.20 Louie. 6.30 Everything's Rosie. 6.40 Postman Pat.**
7.00 **CBBC: The Jungle Book.**
7.15 **Deadly 60.**
7.40 **Bear Behaving Badly.**
8.05 **Eliot Kid.**
8.20 **Shaun the Sheep.**
8.25 **Shaun the Sheep.**
8.30 **The Slammer.**
9.00 **Hotel Trubble.**
9.30 **Scoop.**
10.00 **Something for the Weekend.**
11.30 **The Nation's Favourite Christmas Food.**
12.30 **Flog It!**
1.00 **Escape to the Country.**
1.45 **One Man and His Dog.**
2.45 **Live Olympia International Horse Show.** The World Cup competition at the Olympia Grand Hall.
5.00 **Coast.**
5.10 **FILM: Big Jake (1971).** Western, starring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara and Richard Boone.
7.00 **Edwardian Farm.** The arrival of spring sees the daffodil harvest.
8.00 **The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best at Christmas.**
9.00 **The Many Faces of Richard Wilson.** The actor reminisces about his career.
10.00 **Match of the Day 2.**
11.10 **Eddie Izzard: Stripped.**
12.40 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks.**
1.10 **Medium.**
1.50 **FILM: Nosferatu the Vampyre**

ITV

6.00 **CITV: The Fluffy Club.** Pre-school fun with Tiny Little Fluff.
7.25 **Toonattik.** Animated fun.
9.25 **Coronation Street.** Omnibus.
11.45 **This Morning: Sunday.** Highlights of the week's programmes.
12.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
1.00 **Coronation Street: 50 Years, 50 Moments.** Concluding the countdown of the soap's best storylines.
2.00 **FILM: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989).** Comedy, starring Chevy Chase.
3.50 **FILM: The Mummy (1999).** Action adventure.
6.00 **Anglia News and Weather.**
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **FILM: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007).** Fantasy adventure sequel, with Daniel Radcliffe.
9.00 **David Suchet on the Orient Express.** The Poirot star rides the famous train through Europe, discovering some of the real-life dramas the Orient Express has witnessed.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather.**
10.15 **FILM: Atonement (2007).** Premiere. A 13-year-old girl accuses her sister's lover of a crime he did not commit, with tragic repercussions. Romantic period drama, starring Keira Knightley.
12.30 **Christmas Tales: The Legends of Santa.** Fiona Phillips explores the origins of Father Christmas.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 **Sali Mali. 6.25 The Treacle People. 6.35 Planet Cook. 6.55 Survival of the Fittest. 7.20 Freesports on 4.**
7.50 **T4: One Tree Hill.**
8.45 **T4: Hollyoaks.**
11.15 **T4: Taio Cruz ft. Kylie Minogue – Video Exclusive & Behind the Scenes.**
11.35 **T4: Being N-Dubz at Christmas.**
12.40 **T4: Ugly Betty.**
1.40 **T4: The Simpsons.**
2.15 **FILM: Annie (1982).** John Huston's musical, with Albert Finney and Carol Burnett.
4.40 **Deal or No Deal.**
5.30 **Channel 4 News.**
5.55 **4thought.tv.**
6.00 **100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross.** A countdown of the nation's favourite games, gadgets and gizmos, as inventors and toy-makers tell the inside stories of their creations and successes.
9.00 **The Secret Millionaire Changed My Life.** Businessman Paul Ragan returns to Derby to see how money he donated to good causes has helped disadvantaged residents of the East Midlands city.
10.00 **Desperate Housewives.** Paul's malicious plan for Wisteria Lane is put in motion, Juanita discovers Gabrielle's big secret, and Bree invites Keith to move in with her.
11.00 **Father Ted.**
12.15 **The Real Housewives of New Jersey.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!**
10.00 **Shake!: iCarly.**
10.35 **True Jackson, VP.**
11.10 **K9.**
11.45 **Zoo Days.**
11.50 **Zoo Days.**
12.20 **Andre Rieu in Concert.**
1.05 **Emergency Bikers.**
2.10 **FILM: Saddle the Wind (1958).** Western drama, starring Robert Taylor and John Cassavetes.
3.45 **FILM: A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa (2008).** Premiere. Puppet comedy, with Richard Griffiths.
5.10 **Five News.**
5.15 **FILM: Mrs Miracle (2009).** Family drama, starring Doris Roberts.
7.05 **FILM: A Christmas Carol (1999).** Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge hates the Christmas season, but is warned to change his attitude by a series of ghosts. Dickens' classic tale, with Patrick Stewart and Richard E Grant. Including Five News Update.
9.00 **FILM: Blood Work (2002).** A former FBI agent recovering from a heart transplant tracks down his organ donor's killer. Thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Anjelica Huston and Jeff Daniels.
11.15 **FILM: No Mercy (1986).** Action thriller, starring Richard Gere.
1.20 **SuperCasino.**
4.05 **Poker.**
4.55 **The Family Recipe.**
5.00 **Hana's Helpline.**

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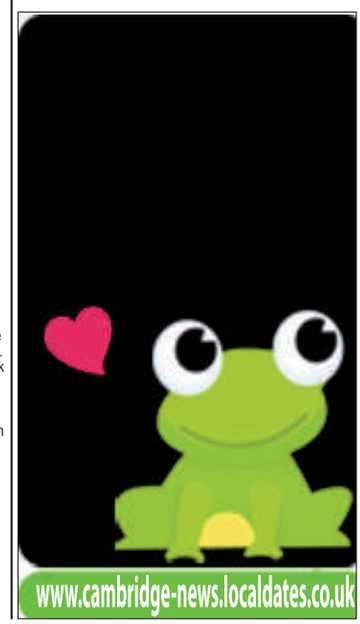

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Family home in a quiet spot

at a glance

- On the market for £274,995
- Smart family house
- Four bedrooms
- Garden and garage
- No upward chain

cover property

SITUATED in Frowd Close, at the end of a small cul-de-sac in the popular village of Fordham is this impressive family house.

The property is detached and comes with an enclosed garden and detached double garage. It is on the market for £274,995.

Inside, there is an entrance hall, cloakroom, large living room, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, four bedrooms, a bathroom and an en suite to the master bedroom.

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A contemporary renovated detached family house with separate cottage and large mature grounds extending to 0.78 acres (sts) in all.

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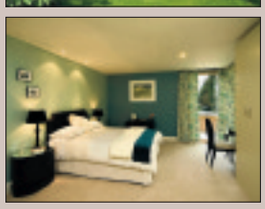

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CHARMING COTTAGE £220,000

Grade II Listed two bedroom property, Woodditton. Also available to rent.
Enjoying a picturesque location and benefitting from many period features including a large inglenook fireplace and exposed beams. Accommodation comprises entrance to sitting room with slate tiled floor, fully fitted kitchen/breakfast room, rear lobby, downstairs bathroom with white suite and two bedrooms each with fitted wardrobes. Front garden laid to lawn and enclosed rear garden with stone built storage shed. Off road parking.

CENTRAL FAMILY HOME £230,000

Recently refurbished semi detached property in a peaceful residential location close to Newmarket town centre.
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Located in an attractive, semi rural, hillside location offering well maintained equine facilities and extensive off road hacking in Kentford.
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IMMACULATE DETACHED HOME £395,000

Finished to a high specification throughout and affording wonderful views over adjoining paddocks. Situated on the outskirts of Newmarket.
Accommodation comprises entrance lobby, large modern kitchen, separate utility room, sitting room with doors to a fabulous conservatory, three spacious double bedrooms (master en suite) and a family bathroom. To the rear is an enclosed private garden and to the front, a paved driveway with carport.

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Jaguar XJ is 'a blast from the future'

TOP GEAR has named the Jaguar XJ as its Luxury Car of the Year 2010, placing the British firm's flagship model above rivals from BMW and Audi.

Writing in the most recent Awards Issue of *Top Gear* magazine, editor at large Jason Barlow described the XJ as a "blast from the future", adding: "Rarely has a new car slackened so many jaws."

The XJ is a landmark vehicle from a revitalised and more confident Jaguar. Since launch in May 2010, it has been extremely well received by customers and media alike and is fast becoming a multi-award winning model, having already scooped the Scottish Luxury Car of the Year and *What Car?* Luxury Green Car of the Year accolades.

Geoff Cousins, managing director, Jaguar UK, said: "The Jaguar XJ brought a bold new approach to the luxury car market in the UK with its distinctive design, generous accommodation, exceptional performance and strong economy credentials.

"We're delighted that the *Top Gear* team – definitely one of the toughest judging panels anywhere in the motoring world – have recognised what makes the XJ so special with this award."

With its lightweight aluminium architecture, the XJ is the most efficient luxury car in its class. It has attained a 29 per cent segment share during its first six months on sale, establishing itself as the British car of choice with customers ranging from company CEOs to high-end hotel chains.

Priced from £53,900 on the road, the Jaguar XJ is on sale now at Jaguar dealerships throughout the UK.

Badge of luxury: Jaguar XJ is a landmark vehicle.

THANKS: Land Rover ceo Dr Ralf Speth hands over keys to two Discovery 4 models to members of the London Ambulance Service. The vehicles will help transport stranded employees to hospitals in adverse conditions.

Residuals boost for Land Rover

LAND Rover is emerging triumphant from the cold spell.

An industry report conducted by used car valuators Glass's reveals that three Land Rover models are among the top 10 ranked vehicles retaining the highest residual values over the first three years of ownership, Land Rover has launched a mobile version of the Used Vehicle Locator (UVL), suitable for iPhone and other mobile browsers.

The mobile UVL enables users to perform a basic or an advanced used vehicle search in order to find the best local deal on a used Landy.

The basic search allows the user to define the search by model, price, transmission, fuel type and postcode.

The advanced search will filter further by variant, mileage, age and colour. Users then select their chosen vehicle and submit a 'call me back' form which is then emailed directly to the local Land Rover dealer.

The desktop version of the UVL will also allow users to text vehicle details to a mobile through SMS so that users are able to view current selections via the mobile version.

The mobile Used Vehicle Locator is free and can be found by simply entering *m.used.landrover.co.uk* into your mobile browser.

The desktop version can be accessed online at *www.usedvehicles.landrover.co.uk*.

Meanwhile, the three most in-demand Landys according to Glass's are the three year-old (57 plate) Freelander 2 GS TD4 Auto ranked in fourth place, Discovery 3 2.7 TDV6 in sixth place, and the Range Rover Sport 2.7 TDV6 ninth in the top 10 ranked vehicles.

Adrian Rushmore of Glass's said: "The British love affair with the 4x4 has meant residual values of several models have remained high. In Glass's list of the top 10 best performing three-year old (57-plate) models in terms of residual value, Land Rover claimed three spots.

"Besides the aspirational appeal of the Land Rover brand, consumers have remembered how well their Land Rovers performed in the extreme winter weather last year and this has also impacted positively on their residual value."

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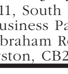

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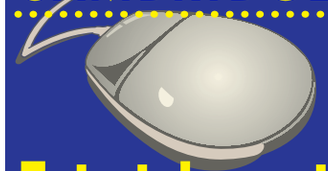
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Paul Ashbridge intercepted a pass to go beneath the posts, and James Payne's conversion made it 12-12, but another try and two penalties saw Lowestoft lead 25-12 at half time.

Lowestoft scored a fourth try shortly after half time, and completed their win with 15 minutes remaining, with Ali Walker's score proving little more than consolation.

"Lowestoft were very good," said Newmarket skipper Richard Harper.

"They certainly had more desire than us and we did make a lot of unforced errors and a lot of missed tackles.

"We missed touch from kicks so many times. We're not happy with the result but I can't complain about it."

He added: "We pushed for a bonus point, but in the last play of the game we dropped a pass.

"There was a massive improvement for us from the Wisbech game. But too many unforced errors cost us."

Ali Walker: Late try was little more than consolation.

Blacks' day in points spree

» UNDER-SEVEN

NEWMARKET Blacks racked up 80 points in their two victories against Bishop's Stortford and Stevenage.

They opened with a 40-10 defeat of Stevenage, racing into a 25-0 lead at half time. Their scorers were Luke Ellis (2), Lucas Butler (2), Casey Feehan, Edward Newton, Jonny Peate, Matthew Addison.

And then they pipped Stortford 40-35, shading a second half after going in 25-25 at half time. Feehan led the way with a hat-trick followed by further tries from Butler (2), Newton, Peate, and Addison.

» UNDER-EIGHT

GABRIEL Jones helped Newmarket A make a flying start against Bishop's Stortford B, scoring the first of his three tries in the 35-5 romp directly from the start. Harry Cooper, Jacob O'Gorman, Harry Ansell and Sam Skingley completed the scoring.

And they were equally efficient in the second game against Stortford B, clocking up a 40-15 success with Owen Bentley (2), Jones (2), Ansell (2), Cooper, and O'Gorman scoring the tries.

However, after a long wait on a rapidly cooling day, they were held to a 30-30 draw by Stevenage, warming up in the second half only to be denied by a late leveller.

Cooper led the way with three tries with Bentley, Jones, and Skingley adding to the score.

Newmarket B opened with a 25-15 triumph against Stortford B, Ethan Mappledoram (2), and Jake Clifton helping them nose ahead in the first half and Alexander Cowdrey and Edward Stanton finishing the job.

A slow start against Stevenage resulted in a 20-10 defeat, Clifton and Cowdrey scoring after their rivals went 20-0 ahead.

But although they made a better start to their final game – an eight-a-side affair against Stortford A – Newmarket slipped to a 35-30 defeat after a try on the final passage of play.

Mappledoram, a loan player, and Jacob Burrows made it 15-15 at the break before Clifton, Burrows and Cowdrey scored in the second half.

» UNDER-10

NEWMARKET produced some of their best rugby this season when they opened with a 25-25 draw against Bishop's Stortford A.

But it took a lovely flowing move, rounded off by Patrick Bartram, to seal a draw after two tries apiece from Sorren Price and Sam Howard.

The second game against Stortford B proved to be more straightforward, with Newmarket never looking back after an early lead.

Price, who broke the deadlock, went on to score four tries in the 45-5 spree, with Harvey Watts (2), Bartram, Max Pearson and Maxx Catley also touching down.

» UNDER-11

A SINGLE conversion condemned Newmarket to defeat in a closely-fought opener against Bishop's Stortford.

The depleted squad did well to contain lively rivals who went ahead with a converted try.

Alex Coles powered over to make it 7-5 but the missed attempt at the extra points proved crucial.

But after conceding an early unconverted try in the second game, Newmarket bounced back to win 19-5. Nick Butler equalised before Tom Addison and Sebastien Catley's first try for the club earned victory. Butler kicked two conversions.

»Tae Kwon-Do:

Belting time for Williams

LYNSAY Williams rounded off a stunning two months spell by gaining her 3rd Dan black belt.

Williams (above), the instructor at the Newmarket branch of the Mark Farnham School of Tae Kwon-Do, was third in the world championships and retained her British title at Telford before five 8th Dan Masters gave her the thumbs-up at the grading session. She was not the only success for the Farnham organisation – Brian Doak, the instructor at Burwell, achieved his 4th Dan after 13 years of hard training.

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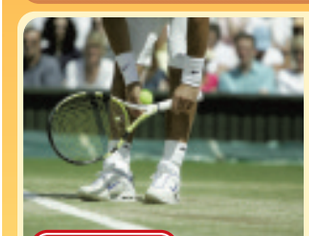

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>>Racing:

World Cup on cards for super Fairy

Globe trotter: Owner Cristina Patino could be sending Snow Fairy on a four-year-old campaign which could include the Dubai World Cup and the Queen Elizabeth II World Cup in Hong Kong.

SNOW Fairy is set to bid for more top honours over a mile and a quarter next year following her breathtaking victory in the Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin.

The Dubai World Cup at Meydan in March and the Queen Elizabeth II Cup back in Hong Kong in May are among the main options in the early part of next season for trainer Ed Dunlop and owner Cristina Patino.

The dual Oaks winner had already won the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup over a furlong more in Japan last month and confirmed she is equally effective at 10 furlongs at Sha Tin on Sunday.

"We can now obviously think of 10-furlong races at the highest level," said Dunlop.

"I need to discuss with Mrs Patino what we are going to do.

"There are such races as the Dubai World Cup, there is the big race in Hong Kong in May – there are lots of options. It depends on how the horse is and what the owner thinks.

"The rate of progress with her has been outstanding. She's won two Group Ones over a mile and a half, Japan was a mile and three and this was a mile and a quarter.

"Whether a mile and a quarter proves to be her best trip, who knows."

Snow Fairy was outstanding in the Hong Kong Cup. She had seven horses in front of her with one and a half furlongs to go, but a remarkable surge under Ryan Moore took her to a neck victory from Irian.

It took the English and Irish Oaks winner's earnings to more than £2million, and Dunlop said: "All credit to my staff who have worked so hard on an amazing day for the yard.

"To do it against the colts for the first time in her life puts her down as an exceptional horse, there can be no doubt over that."

Moore said: "On the top of the bend I thought I had no chance but she quickened up so well and is an absolute machine to do what she did – you would struggle to find too many fillies that could have done it."

Mastery, the 2009 St Leger winner, scooped another huge prize when winning the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Vase under Frankie Dettori.

Godolphin's four-year-old has this season been used sparingly, and clearly had fitness on his side in defeating Barry Hills' Redwood, ridden by Michael Hills.

Dettori said: "Saeed has been telling me this horse was flying. He's been slow getting out (of the stalls) and he was again, but once I got him out and clear in the straight I knew nobody could catch us in the last 400 yards.

"He won the Leger and is a good horse, and for a four-year-old he's had very little racing.

"The fresh legs are paying off, and my first thoughts would be the Sheema Classic."

>>Bowls:

All yours: Sylvia Pinder hands over her chain of office to new president Tony Taylor. **CP**

Taylor made for job

TONY Taylor is the new county president for Bowls Cambridgeshire.

The member of the Newmarket Avenue Club, who has been involved in local bowls for 20 years, was presented with the chain of office by the outgoing president, Sylvia Pinder of the Isleham club, at the annual meeting at Chesterton BC.

And after praising the efforts of his predecessor, Taylor stressed the importance of continuing the progress made by Bowls Cambridgeshire, one of the country's foreunners in establishing a unified county under the newly-formed Bowls England.

>>Football:

Flu-hit Town catch a cold

Newmarket Tn 0 CRC 3
Ridgeons Challenge Cup, first round

DEPLETED Newmarket went out of the Ridgeons Cup at the Town Ground on Tuesday, shipping all the goals in the second half again.

Racked by flu. injury and suspensions, the Jockeys were without nine regulars in total.

Eventually, their selection problems told and they conceded all the goals after the break.

Haverhill Rov 3 Newmarket Tn 0
Ridgeons League, Premier Division

A STRONG second-half performance gave Haverhill a deserved win over Newmarket and stretched their run of league victories to five games.

The hosts dominated the first 20 minutes but it was not until 10 minutes into the second half when Greg Strong fired Rovers in front.

Two goals in two minutes settled the outcome. Callum Harrison made it 2-0 in the 79th minute with Dalton O'Brien completing the scoring.

The Jockeys are due to be at home to Woodbridge Town in the Premier Division on Saturday, before beginning their build-up to the Christmas programme of a home game against Wisbech on December 27 and a trip to Ely on January 3.

Mildenhall Tn 1 Wivenhoe Tn 0
Ridgeons League, Premier Division

TOM Youngs scored the only goal as Mildenhall enjoyed a win over Wivenhoe. Youngs struck in the 35th minute to give the hosts a deserved lead which Mildenhall held on to until half time.

John Sands, Andrew Wood and James Patterson all had chances to put the hosts well out in front but they were unable to make the most of them.

Hall boss Christian Appleford said: "We should have won by four or five goals. We created a lot of chances and were always in control so it was a comfortable 1-0 win."

Mildenhall travel to Felixstowe & Walton on Saturday before taking on Ely at home (December 27, noon) and Wisbech away (January 3) over the festive period.

Where they are in league

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dereham Town	22	17	3	2	59	18	54
Wroxham	22	14	5	3	55	25	47
Leiston	16	12	3	1	43	17	39
Haverhill Rovers	20	11	6	3	36	18	39
Kirkley & Pakefield	24	9	7	8	38	27	34
CRC	20	9	6	5	46	29	33
Hadleigh Utd	19	9	4	6	39	29	31
Norwich Utd	22	9	4	9	40	32	31
Mildenhall Tn	**22**	**9**	**4**	**9**	**28**	**31**	**31**
Wisbech Town	20	7	9	4	34	30	30
Woodbridge Tn	21	8	4	9	35	45	28
Newmarket Tn	**21**	**7**	**5**	**9**	**24**	**43**	**26**
Wivenhoe	23	6	7	10	30	37	25
FC Clacton	20	6	6	8	30	32	24
Gt Yarmouth Tn	21	5	8	8	30	38	23
Ely City	20	5	5	10	31	34	20
Stanway Rovers	15	5	4	6	20	18	19
Debenham LC	21	5	2	14	32	53	17
Histon res	23	4	6	13	23	77	17
Walsham Le Willows	18	2	10	6	29	32	16
Brantham Ath	21	4	4	13	27	40	16
Felix & W Utd	17	4	2	11	22	46	14

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